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'It's our desire to close Luhk case'

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The Department of Public Safety said yesterday that it is its deepest desire to work with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and close the case of sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk, who have been missing exactly seven years to today near their home in As Teo.

Elbert Quitugua, the grandfather of the Luhk sisters, said yesterday that the family is still hoping and praying that somebody will come out and provide information to the authorities on the children's whereabouts.

Elbert Quitugua and his family kneel for prayers during a Mass of remembrance for his granddaughters Faloma and Maleina Luhk at the St. Jude Church in Koblerville last Saturday. The family will offer a Mass of special intention at the Sta. Soledad Church in Kagman today, Friday, which marks the 7th year when the Luhk sisters disappeared at a public bus shelter near their home in As Teo.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Faloma

Maleina

The case now marks its seventh year.

DPS spokesperson Jacqueline Rae Shepard said it's their desire to close this case and give the family the answers they deserve.

"The disappearance of the Luhk sisters is still very much an open case," Shepard said.

FBI special agent Arnold Laanui echoed this Wednesday, saying the Luhk sisters' case is still open and under investigation.

Laanui said FBI special agents stationed on Saipan and Guam, as well as their law

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Survey finds over 130 homeless

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A recent count of homelessness in the CNMI resulted in the discovery of 138 sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on Saipan alone.

According to the Point-In-Time data collected of the homeless count that was held back in January, of the 138 homeless individuals on Saipan, 99 are adults and 39 children.

The CNMI Homeless Coalition under the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. handed out a total of 337 questionnaires on homelessness during the second annual count in January.

The coalition had more time to prepare for this year's count and were able to conduct the count as thoroughly as possible by

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IN DISMISSING ROTA DOCTORS SUIT

Judge: Doctors' extra hours unsubstantiated

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Two Rota physicians who are demanding $635,187 from the Rota Health Center and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. simply gave themselves compensation for extra hours without the proper signatures and authorizations, according to the judge handling the case.

» Documents had no signatures, authorizations

In an order yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho dismissed the claims filed by Drs. Francois Claassens and James Toskas against RHC and CHCC.

Camacho said no one authorized Claassens and Toskas to obtain additional compensation for working extra hours.

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Closure of *Guma' Hustisia* nears 3 months

The Judiciary published its first public notice in mid-March announcing the *Guma' Hustisia*'s closure when its air-conditioning system broke down. Over two months later, the air-conditioning system remains in disrepair and the Judiciary continues to wait for funding from the Legislature to restore its operations.

To ensure judicial services continue, alternate sites have been secured to hold court trials and hearings and to assist the public. The Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center has served as one location for court hearings and events; however, continuous usage of the center, a federally-funded facility, is limited. The governor's special assistant for

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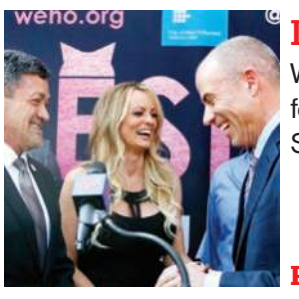

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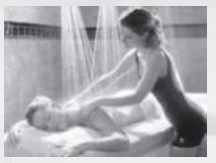
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Ex-Tinian mayor Dela Cruz named to casino panel

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas on Wednesday, appointed former Tinian Mayor Ray Dela Cruz to serve on the Commonwealth Casino Commission representing Tinian.

In his appointment letter, San Nicolas said that Dela Cruz's "knowledge, skills and experience from having served on the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission will be a valuable asset to the [Commonwealth Casino Commission]. With the complex federal and local issues that face the CNMI's casino industry, experience in the casino regulatory field is crucial to ensuring that we maintain a reputable industry."

Dela Cruz served one term as mayor of Tinian prior to San Nicolas' administration and also served several terms as a senator representing the island of Tinian. "As a former mayor and senator representing the second senatorial district, I know that Mr. Dela Cruz can also appreciate the employment opportunities for our citizens and contributions to the overall health of the economy that a healthy casino industry provides for the CNMI. With these additional personal experiences, I am confident that Dela Cruz will recognize the importance and value of balancing the need to maintain the integrity of the industry through proper regulation and the need to ensure the long-term viability of the industry," said San Nicolas.

Dela Cruz's appointment requires the advice and consent of the Tinian Legislative Delegation. ***(PR)***

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Suspended sentence for theft of 'branches of bananas'

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A habitual offender who is charged with conspiring with another to steal "branches of bananas" pleaded guilty yesterday and was slapped with a suspended sentence.

Hilario Teigita Angui, 35, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit theft.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Angui to 30 days imprisonment, all suspended. Angui was given credit no credit for time served. He was required to pay restitution to the victim, Miguel Fleming, for the unrecovered bananas.

Saipan Tribune learned that by "branches of bananas," the government was referring to the banana fruit.

Angui shall be jointly liable for the restitution with his co-defendant, Jonathan Babauta Ayuyu, if Ayuyu is convicted in the case.

Angui was ordered to pay a $100 fine, court costs, and probation fees. During his probation, he will be required to stay at least 500 feet away from Fleming's farm.

Following his release from the Department of Corrections in connection with a previous criminal case, Angui will be placed on supervised probation for one year, to run concurrently with his probation in the previous criminal case.

The supervised probation in this case will expire on Nov. 28, 2019.

Camacho noted that Angui has prior convictions in four criminal cases from 2007 to 2017.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on Dec. 14 and 16, 2016 on Saipan, Angui drove Ayuyu to the farm of Fleming, where Ayuyu cut down and carried off bananas having a value of less than $250.

Michael Dotts is the court-appointed counsel for Angui. Assistant attorney general Jonathan Wilberschied appeared for the government.

The bench trial of Ayuyu will be on July 2.

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CHCC board reaffirms Muña as CEO

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board voted yesterday to reaffirm Esther L. Muña as the corporation's chief executive officer, with board chair Lauri Ogumoro saying they would work closely with her in addressing areas where they deem it necessary for her to improve.

The board voted 3-1 to reaffirm Muña's role in CHCC during yesterday's board meeting at the Administration Office's conference room.

Ogumoro, Tinian representative William Cing, and Dr. Larry Hocog of Rota, via phone patch, voted to reaffirm Muña to retain her post. Saipan's David Rosario was absent.

Letitia Reyes, the third representative from Saipan and CHC's former nursing director, was the lone member who opposed Muña's reappointment. "I have no further comment. In my case, my vote is performance based," she said.

Hocog made the motion to approve the board's evaluation and to affirm Muña's reappointment based on their assessment.

Ogumoro said this was the first time that Muña was evaluated by a board. "We've completed the evaluation process and we agreed that she's doing her job. This is the first time we did it."

"This is the first time to have a board of trustees and we have to do an evaluation. It's an annual process. This kind of sets the foundation for it. We voted to reaffirm her and she retains her position. Every year, just like all of us [CHCC board] we get evaluated."

Ogumoro said that most board members agreed that Muña has been working hard in addressing critical areas of the CNMI's lone hospital. "But, there's always room for improvement and our job now is to put together the areas that we see where she can improve."

"Then we will work with her on those deficiencies. I think that she'll take it as constructive criticism, so that she can raise her score in the evaluation next time," added Ogumoro, who is also the Karidat Social Services executive director.

She said that Muña meets most expectations based on the score she got from the American Hospital Association. "What I'll do is to talk to her first about that [performance evaluation]."

Backed by hospital staff

Doctors, nurses, directors, administrators, and other personnel showed their overwhelming support for Muña's leadership. A cafeteria staffer even said they are now making money—a source of additional revenue for the hospital.

"You've heard the overwhelming support that she [Muña] had from the staff. She's been able to accomplish a lot. She has strengths and she has weaknesses. Just like all of us," said Ogumoro. "The challenges she had are great. Running the hospital despite the minimal financial support that she gets and overwhelming uncompensated care cost."

Konferencian Dinana Islas Mariana postponed, again

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The long-awaited Northern Islands conference has been postponed again due to logistical and financial issues.

According to Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair L.J. Castro, the planning committee decided it was best not to push through with the *Konferencian Dinana Islas Mariana* this June.

Castro said that although Northern Islands Mayor Vicente Santos prepared the island of Pagan for the guests interested in participating in the conference, the logistics and transportation to get there still remains an issue.

The planning committee of the *Konferencian* reached out to neighboring islands in Micronesia to attend the event but, according to Castro, the cost to charter vessels from neighboring islands to Pagan costs more than they anticipated. Castro did not disclose the exact amount.

Castro said it was decided a few weeks ago that it would be best to reschedule the conference for mid-June next year.

Although it is disappointing that the conference has been postponed for the third time, Castro remains optimistic. According to him, now that the planning committee has been given more time, the committee will strive to make the conference as perfect as possible for all its attendees.

The idea of conference was introduced back in 2016 before the death of late Northern Islands mayor Jerome Aldan.

Konferencian is expected to be unlike other forums, serving as a vehicle or a process aimed at inspiring conversations in re-awakening and re-connecting the islands' ancestral heritage, despite being separated by geography, distance and historical circumstances or anomalies, and re-bonding the indigenous people of *Islas Sinahi Pacifico* in the Marianas together in fellowship from Guam to Farallon de Pajaros.

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administration has granted six months, effective March 2018.

The U.S. District Court in Garapan has also served as a venue for jury trials and hearings when a courtroom is available. The Family Court Division and the Drug Court Division have been operating and holding meetings at the Department of Public Safety training room in Susupe. The Judiciary has been shuttling staff, files, and equipment to these and other alternate sites.

Only one of the three chillers powering the Judiciary's air-conditioning system has been partially functioning. Even with the partially functioning chiller being monitored daily, the air-conditioning system has broken down multiple times and continues to malfunction.

The partially operating system is insufficient to cool the building. In parts of the building, temperatures have measured over 80 degrees, even while unoccupied. The Judiciary continues to enlist the assistance of the Bureau of Environmental Health to monitor building conditions.

Having requested funding for air-conditioning repair and mold removal in previous budgets, the Judiciary was familiar with some of the costs necessary for the repairs. The $7 million request to the Legislature includes the costs of installing a new air-conditioning system and removing mold from the building. In addition to replacing the air-conditioning system, the funding will be used to replace mold-infested fabric acoustic walls, ceiling boards, and carpeting in the six courtrooms. The funding will also be used to retain an industrial hygienist and building specialists, address temporary alternate site needs, remove soft materials from the building, and repair roof and window leakages in order to prevent further mold growth.

Procurement regulations prevent the Judiciary from contracting with vendors until funding is in place. Once funding has been allocated, the Judiciary will follow the procurement regulations and according to the legislation, expenditure authority will remain with the Finance secretary.

The bill to fund the various important projects to restore the *Guma' Hustisia* is still pending in the Legislature.

According to a Judiciary statement, it apologizes for the inconvenience the closure has caused and remains hopeful that the funding is forthcoming from the legislation. ***(PR)***

JUDGE

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Therefore, he said, CHCC is entitled to a dismissal of the breach of contract claim.

Camacho said that since there is a valid contract governing the doctors' employment at RHC, and since there is nothing on the record to support the existence of an implied term in the employment contract related to excess hour worked, *quantum meruit* is inappropriate in this case and must be dismissed.

Quantum meruit determines the amount to be paid for services when no contract exists or when there is doubt as to the amount due for the work performed but done under circumstances when payment could be expected.

"Thus, the court need not reach whether *quantum meruit* claims may be brought against the government, nor whether such claims are barred by sovereign immunity," Camacho said.

In their lawsuit filed in September 2017, Claassens is demanding payment of $308,000 for all administrative leave, while Toskas is seeking payment of $327,187 for all administrative leave.

The two doctors alleged that RHC and CHCC failed to compensate them for thousands of hours of administrative leave.

RHC and CHCC, through Office of the Attorney General Civil Division chief Christopher M. Timmons, moved to dismiss the lawsuit.

Timmons described the two physicians claim as a "sweetheart backroom deal."

Timmons argued that the claim for breach of contract is improper since the agreements in question are unenforceable. Timmons said the claim for *quantum meruit* is improper as *quantum meruit* is not available where there is a valid contract and because *quantum meruit* cannot be alleged against the government.

The doctors, through counsel Stephen Nutting, opposed the motion.

Nutting said the court should find the contracts to be legal and enforceable because the director of Office of Personnel Management approved the terms at the time of initial employment and subsequently approved the terms during the renewal process.

Nutting said the court should find that even if the RHC resident directors and Rota mayor did not have the authority to bind the government in their agreements with the doctors, agents with authority later ratified the doctors' contracts, including the terms in dispute, during the renewal process when they were fully routed.

In granting the motion to dismiss yesterday, Camacho said the doctors attached to their complaint various documents in support of their claims of entitlement to compensation for hours worked beyond the standard workweek.

Camacho said many of these documents were unsigned, while others were signed by one or both doctors.

However, Camacho said, none of these addenda were signed by the individuals who could bind CHCC.

Moreover, the judge said, the doctors admitted that they were not aware of any document waiving or amending section 13 of the general terms and conditions that was signed by the signatories to the excepted service employment agreement.

"Accordingly, none of the purported addenda could have created any obligation on the part of the government to provide compensation not agreed in the excepted service employment contract itself," he said.

For example, Camacho said, the addenda were not signed by the director of Personnel whose signature is an essential and necessary part of Executive Branch employment contracts.

SURVEY

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differentiating actual homeless individuals from sheltered homeless individuals.

According to the data acquired, the annual homeless count netted 96 unsheltered homeless, 63 of whom are adults and 33 children.

The data also included the number of sheltered homeless and there were a total of 22 sheltered homeless individuals, all adults.

The data also included the number of service-based homeless and there were a total of 14 service-based homeless adults and six service-based homeless children. Service-based homeless are those availing of the services of Karidat and other community shelters.

During this year's count, the coalition also counted the number of substandard houses on Saipan, as described by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A total of 274 substandard homes were counted and 914 individuals were found residing in these uninhabitable homes. Of the 914 individuals, 648 are adults and 266 are children.

The coalition has already submitted the data acquired to HUD as part of the requirements to avail of the Continuum of Care Grant that will be use to address the CNMI's homelessness issue.

Over 100 survey questionnaires were given out this year compared to last year.

According to Homeless Coalition chair Vivian Sablan, the more surveys distributed only means that the coalition is reaching out to more individuals.

Sablan said the coalition is preparing to expand the count to Tinian and Rota next year, whether the coalition is granted the COC grant or not, to document the fact that the CNMI also faces a homelessness issue that must be addressed.

LUHK

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enforcement partners on both islands, continue to pursue and exhaust all leads in this matter.

Quitugua said in an interview yesterday that if there is still no resolution to the case this year, they are praying it will be resolved next year or in coming years, so long as they find answers as to what happened to his granddaughters.

"Not knowing is three times more painful than knowing what really happened and where they are," Quitugua said.

The family will offer a Mass of special intention or remembrance for the Luhk sisters today, Friday, at the Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 6pm.

Faloma and Maleina, who were ages 10 and 9 at the time of their disappearance, were last seen at a bus stop shelter near their home on the morning of May 25, 2011.

The sisters' disappearance sparked massive searches conducted by FBI, DPS and other law enforcement agencies as well as civilian volunteers on Saipan, but there was no trace of their whereabouts.

House agrees to allow PSS to hire foreign nationals

The House of Representatives passed legislation last Tuesday that would allow the Public School System to hire foreign nationals.

In their session at the Tinian courthouse, the House passed Tinian Rep. Edwin Aldan's (R-Tinian) House Bill 20-130, a bill that allows the PSS to hire foreigners for teaching specialized subjects such as science, technology, engineering, and math, and special education services.

An amendment makes hiring foreign nationals the last option for PSS.

According to Rep. Angel A. Demapan, (R-Saipan), the bill was amended to make sure that PSS exhausts all efforts prior to hiring foreign nationals. He said the provision urges PSS to hire locally first.

"I believe this is an important provision so that the legislation does not preempt the hiring of qualified U.S.-eligible workers if and when available," he said.

The bill emphasized that foreign nationals may only be hired if they meet the requirements set by the Board of Education.

The bill was introduced in October 2017, and now heads to the Senate for review and action. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

DPS sets checkpoints

The Department of Public Safety, Highway Patrol Section will be conducting occupant protection/child restraints checkpoints on May 29 and 31.

On Tuesday, the first setup will be from Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, San Jose to Isa Drive, San Vicente, from 4pm to 6pm. The second setup will be from Beach Road, Chalan Lau Lau to Beach Road, San Antonio from 8pm to 10pm.

On Thursday, the first setup will be from Chalan Monsignor Martinez, Koblerville to Chalan Monsignor Martinez, As Lito from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. The second setup will be from Beach Road, Garapan to Beach Road, Susupe from 9:15pm to 11:15pm.

Each checkpoint will last at least one hour and 15 minutes. These activities are part of the Department of Public Safety's Click It or Ticket Campaign Week. ***(PR)***

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IP&E is helping to support the 2018 Governor's Tournament of Champions by donating $2,500. The tournament will be held this Saturday and Sunday. From left, Jacob Guerrero, commercial manager; Ron Benavente, commercial fuels account manager; Dora Lizama, TOC committee member; and Jose Tudela, TOC committee member.

PSS: 900 expected to graduate next week

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School renovations and competitive salaries remain the priority of the Public School System in fiscal year 2019.

It was also learned during a budget hearing yesterday on Capital Hill that PSS expects about 900 students to graduate this season.

PSS is asking for a budget of $57 million for fiscal year 2019.

Acting Education commissioner Glenn Muña told the House Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), that improved school facilities, continued investments in instructional materials and professional development, competitive salaries for teachers, and improved student health remain the priorities.

"I ask you to be our partner in education and continue to advocate and look after the best interest of our 10,000 students, and 1,000 [PSS] employees," said Board of Education chair Marylou Ada in addressing the committee.

"…We need to recruit the best and brightest staff. To make every effort to retain our staff and every resource that they need to ensure that students…are ready to enroll in college and compete in a global workforce," she said.

PSS was appropriated over $36 million for fiscal year 2018.

For fiscal year 2019, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres proposes $41.7 million for the education agency.

Demapan said in an interview that a big portion of the PSS budget goes toward personnel salaries.

"…They need more money for salary because of adjustments they made to raise the salaries of teachers," said Demapan, adding that some of the PSS budget request goes to facility renovations and the purchase of instructional materials.

PSS also announced that starting next school year, they would be serving hot meals for breakfast and lunch. In response to a query from Demapan regarding students not eating school-provided meals, Ada said the hot meals have been adjusted to not only comply with federal nutritional requirements but to also use locally grown produce—even if it is seasonal.

"…It was a good hearing. The challenge now is to see how far we can go between the governor's proposal and PSS' request," he said, adding that Torres' proposal of $41.7 million was already in compliance with the CNMI Constitutional mandate entitling PSS to 25 percent of all revenues.

He noted that PSS' request of $57 million is roughly 35 percent of the total budget available for appropriation, which is $164,039,225.

Triple J Motors offers Hyundai car for hole-in-one

Triple J Motors has donated a new 2018 Hyundai Kona to the 23rd Governor's Tournament of Champions as a hole-in-one prize on hole No. 13.

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"We are thankful to Triple J Motors for its contribution and longstanding commitment to Governor's Tournament of Champions," said Ben Babauta, TOC tournament director. "The addition of the 2018 Hyundai Kona adds a lot of excitement to this weekend's tournament."

Duty Free Saipan thanks Triple J Motors, apart of Triple J Enterprises, Inc., for their continued support of the annual golf tournament. ***(PR)***

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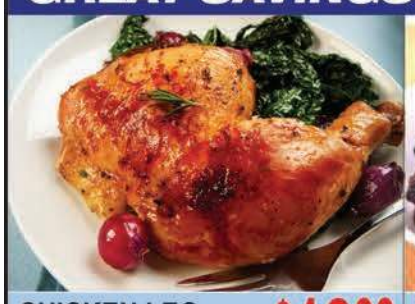
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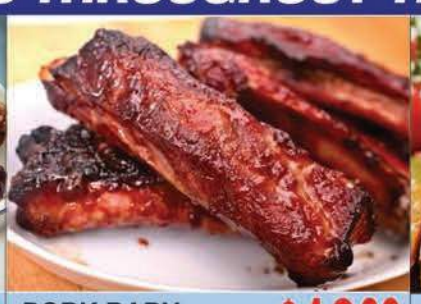
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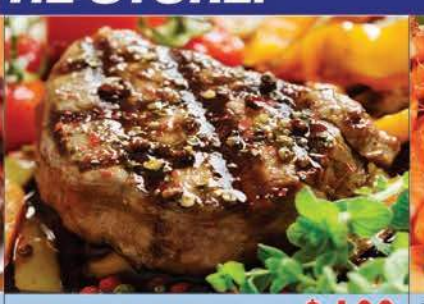
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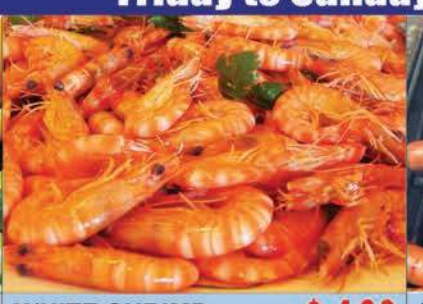
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Docomo Pacific recently donated $2,500 worth of prizes for the upcoming Governor's Tournament of Champions set for this weekend, May 26 and 27, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. Docomo Pacific's brand coordinator Bret Deleon Guerrero, seated second from right, presents the check donation to the 2018 Governor's Tournament of Champions committee members. Also in photo is Dino Manning, Docomo Pacific general manager (standing second from left, Joe Torres, Docomo Pacific sales manager, standing second from right, Liezl Balan, Docomo Pacific director and deputy general manager, standing right, and Conrad Sablan, Docomo Pacific retail manager, seated right.

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TOC SUPPORTERS

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation recently donated $5,000 to the upcoming Governor's Tournament of Champions. The tournament will be held this Saturday and Sunday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. TSL community relations director Carline Sablan, second from right, TSL manager Merlie Tolentino, third from right, TSL assistant manager Ray Zapanta, left, and TSL administrative officer Mel Naputi, second from left, present the check donation to the 2018 Governor's Tournament of Champions committee members.

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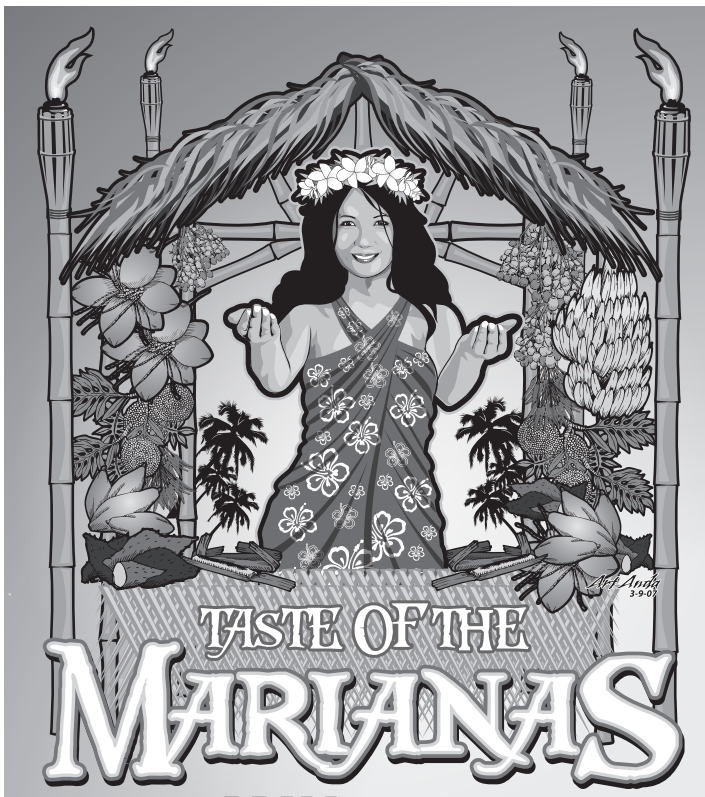

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SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

5:00 p.m.	Big Jay
6:00 p.m.	Micro Mix
6:45 p.m.	2018 Liberation Day Royal Court, 2018 Tourism Month Graphic Arts Design Contest Awards
7:00 p.m.	Anna Glushko
7:30 p.m.	Tahiti Nui
8:00 p.m.	Simiyan Manaina-ta
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"See My Marianas" MYWAVE Club Island Tour
May 25, 2018

The Marianas Visitors Authority will collaborate with the MYWAVE Clubs to give a glimpse of the inner workings of the tourism industry. The students will get a special bus ride to the major tourist sites along with a visit to a local hotel and the Marianas Visitors Authority office.

"See My Marianas" Graphic Design Contest

Marianas Tourism Education Council and the MVA are holding a Tourism Month 2018 Graphic Arts Design Contest titled "See My Marianas" for CNMI students in grades 6-12. The deadline to submit entries is May 12, 2018. For contest guidelines and a release form, visit www.mymarianas.com. Submissions must be an original digital design with the words "See My Marianas" featuring a site/location in The Marianas that the artist recommends people to visit. Entries should include the name of the site/location, and a brief 1-4 sentence description of the site.

On-the-Street Interviews

MVA turns the spotlight on the public as randomly selected community members are given an opportunity to share their views on various tourism topics. The questions and answers will be featured regularly via local media.

Radio Tourism Trivia

Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win tokens for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month T-shirts. "Did you know?" and "Fun Facts about Tourism in the Northern Marianas" will be aired regularly throughout the month on Power 99, KCNM-KZMI, and KKMP.

2018 Tourism Month Instagram Contest

Open to residents of The Marianas ages 13 and older. To enter, the contestant must: 1) follow the MVA's official Instagram account @themarianas, 2) post a photo on Instagram showing their representation of "My Marianas"; 3) include all three hashtags - #mymarianas, #themarianas and #tourismmonth2018; 4) tag the MVA @themarianas in the post; and 5) set their profile to public. One prize weekly. Visit www.mymarianas.co/mva-blog/ for complete rules.

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Genzo Matua, John Gonzales featured on radio program

This Sunday's "Your Humanities Half-Hour" radio program will feature Genzo Matua Suzuki Gonzales, one of the Marianas' delegates to the 2018 Heirs to Our Ocean Summit for Empowerment, Action, and Leadership, and his father, John Gonzales, treasurer for partner organization Chamolinian Cultural Village, Inc.

Gonzales will share the goals of Heirs to Our Ocean and the first ever Northern Marianas International March for the Oceans scheduled for June 9, 2018, from 7am to 9am.

In addition, the original rap "Save the Coral Reefs" of 2017 delegate Yarawe Ythemar will be shared. The rap is the soundtrack for a short documentary of the same name that won second place in last year's International Ocean Film Festival.

"Your Humanities Half-Hour" radio program, which airs each Sunday from 2pm to 2:30pm on Power 99, is hosted by Catherine R. Perry. ***(PR)***

Genzo Matua Suzuki Gonzales of *Heirs to Our Oceans* and father John Gonzales, rear. Also pictured are Seiji Magalahi Gonzales, Kiyokazu Magas Gonzales, and *Your Humanities Half-Hour* host Catherine R. Perry.

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Up close with the HOPE recovery center

Students from the Northern Marianas College recently got an up-close look of the CNMI's Hinemlu O'hala Para Enteramenti, or HOPE, Recovery Center and the extensive services it provides the community.

Yvette Sablan, the special assistant for Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation, noted that since the inception of the center, the program has taken three NMC graduates under their wing to provide case management to a diverse set of clients dealing with addiction and other disorders.

"Our participants and our community are really pitching in to address these issues and we see each day as the true essence of resilience, faith, and hope. We are very pleased to see our young students filled with the passion to assist all those in recovery, and this will be a factor in the long-term success of the recovery center," Sablan said.

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Special assistant for substance abuse & rehabilitation Yvette Sablan, SAR case manager Taylor Ada, Northern Marianas College instructor Jesse Pangelinan, along with students Amanda Mae G. Cruz, Elora Ann C. Masga, Austin S. Delos Santos, Daniel Isaac P. Brown, Yvonnalynn D. Salalila, Thia Celeste Seman, and Janine Del Rosario Perez pose after their tour of the HOPE Recovery Center.

One student, Austin S. Delos Santos, said that after being given the chance to visit the recovery center, he had a stronger appreciation for the helping profession.

"This has shown me that the CNMI as a whole has grown as a society. As part of the community, we should always reach out to those in need and never give up on any person. Our growth mindset on dealing with addiction has increased in the past couple of years and the HOPE Recovery Center is helping people reach success and overcome obstacles to lead better lives. Although the center is still in its first years, I know from the visit that they are doing the best to help the community and I wish them success," he said.

Echoing similar sentiments from the beginning of her professional journey, NMC graduate and SAR case manager Taylor Ada added that the recovery center is a place of growth for everyone and not just clients in recovery.

Ada said the students were able to get a feel of what they were learning from courses in case management and in human service program management.

In her experience, she was able to relate and apply what case managers do for clients to what the students have been learning in their class.

"This tour was a time for me to really appreciate the opportunities that I have been given to grow and learn more in this field, and that this really is the field of work I am meant to be in. It takes a lot of time, heart, and dedication to want to genuinely help people, whether it's school counseling, people on a journey to recovery, or just helping people in general, and seeing these students want to do that, especially as a career, is very heartwarming," she said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres underlined the importance of the center as a physical representation of collective efforts from community leaders and all branches of government.

"I have seen that recovery from any crises increases when we get our entire community involved. From every level, including education, all the elements involved keep me very hopeful in this journey. I've personally seen the resilience of these participants and cultivating this recovery mindset is definitely changing lives and families for the better. It is definitely not easy, but it is possible. I thank all the counselors, case managers, and the participants for pushing one day at a time," Torres said. ***(PR)***

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SCS, Nike Golf donate $10K to TOC

Saipan Computer Services managing director Kawabe Tiu, fifth from right, and Saipan Computer Services business development director Jerry Tiu, third from left, present a $10,000 check donation to the organizers of the 2018 Governor's Tournament of Champions. Also, in photo are the Saipan Computer Services and Nike Golf representatives.

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Saipan Computer Services, together with Nike Golf, are donating over $10,000 in in-kind contributions to this weekend's Governor's Tournament of Champions.

"Over the years the Governor's Tournament of Champions has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars that has funded important community projects in the CNMI," said Jerry Tiu, business development director of Saipan Computer Services. "We look forward to another successful tournament this weekend and wish all players good luck."

"Year after year Saipan Computer Services and Nike Golf continue to support the Tournament of Champions with their generous contributions," said Ben Babauta, tournament director. "We are beyond thankful for their commitment to the tournament and their valued partnership through so many years."

The 23rd Governor's Tournament of Champions will be played at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort's east and west courses this weekend on May 26 and 27. The two-day event is bigger and better than ever with exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes. The TOC tournament fee is $200.

Winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior flights will each receive $500 cash, $400 cash, $300 cash, a Casio watch, and $100 DFS gift certificate for the first to fifth place, respectively.

The Ladies Low Gross winners will receive $500, $400, and $300 cash for first to third place, respectively. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies Low Net will each receive a trophy.

Hole-in-one prizes include a new 2018 Hyundai Kona donated by Triple J Motors, a new 2017 Honda Civic donated by Joeten Motors, $5,000 cash donated by Pacifica Insurance, $5,000 cash donated by McDonald's of Saipan, one year free golf donated by Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, one roundtrip ticket to anywhere in Asia donated by Asiana Airlines, and one roundtrip ticket to Guangzhou or Shanghai, China donated by Saipan Travel Inc. There will also be thousands of dollars worth in other prizes that include mobile devices, gift certificates, and more.

Platinum sponsors for the Governor's Tournament of Champions include T Galleria, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Marianas Visitor's Authority, and Chivas Regal.

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Family fun literacy day at Rota public library

The Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library on Rota celebrated its first Family Fun Literacy Day on April 28.

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The Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library on Rota celebrated its first Family Fun Literacy Day on April 28.

This was in conjunction with the National Library Week proclamation that was signed by Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig on April 10, with Commonwealth Library Council vice chair Asapmar Ogumoro in attendance.

The event included an array of activities that drew in patrons from Songsong and Sinapalo to enjoy a day of fun. From face painting, crafts, balloon giveaways, a color station, a slime demonstration/giveaway, to bead making, and raffle prizes, the day was packed with many activities.

The Rota Public Library also did a community literacy demonstration at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Division of Youth Services, and Division of Fish and Wildlife. ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Hearing Room.

AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARY**
   a. Call to Order
   b. Roll Call
   c. Adoption of Agenda
   d. Adoption of Minutes
      1) April 30, 2018 [continuation on May 8, 2018] - Regular Meeting

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**[1]

III. **REPORTS**
   a. Chair's Report
   b. Executive Director's Report

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   a) Proposed House Local Bill to Enact the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989

V. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a) Pre-Opening Casino Advisory Contract Bridge Investment Group & Clear Management, Ltd.
   b) Ratification of Professional Services Agreement Transcend IT Solutions – Mr. Mark Badal

VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**[2]

VII. **MISCELLANEOUS/ ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

[1]Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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Lucy Vitalino, center, receives the ceremonial check prize from NMSA treasurer John Hirsh, left, and NMSA lottery manager Anicia Lisua, right, during a presentation at the Twin's Supermarket in Lower Navy Hill.

Woman counts many blessings—including lottery winnings

As Lito resident Lucy Vitalino counts many blessings this year but none bigger than the one she got from the Northern Marianas Sports Association's Pacific Gold Lottery: A whopping $5,000.

"I got the benefits from my deceased husband and other earnings this year, so I feel really blessed. And then this lottery prize came. I am so lucky and I am thankful for all these blessings," said Vitalino, who received the major prize from NMSA treasurer John Hirsh and lottery manager Anicia Lisua in a brief award ceremony last May 18 at Twin's Supermarket in Lower Navy Hill where the former had her ticket checked.

Vitalino got five of the six winning numbers—12, 17, 38, 31, and 6. She said the winning numbers are the birthdates of her children and other relatives. She missed No. 14, which incidentally was the date she had her winning ticket checked at Twin's.

"I missed No. 14 on Mother's Day, but I still received a great Mother's Day gift," said Vitalino, who previously won minor prizes in the same lottery.

Meanwhile, Hirsh thanked Vitalino and other patrons of the NMSA lottery and scratchies for supporting a worthy cause.

"Part of the proceeds of the lottery and scratchies go to NMSA, which then uses the funds for our athletes competing off-island," Hirsh said. "Their help are very much welcome, especially at this time of the year when we are getting ready to send out our athletes to Yap for the 2018 Micronesian Games."

The CNMI will be competing in ocean swim, outrigger canoe, men's and women's basketball, men's indoor volleyball, beach volleyball, baseball, spearfishing, and athletics and NMSA had already released the $500 financial aid to each athletes and officials of the participating teams. ***(PR)***

Interior backs coral reef fellowship program

WASHINGTON—The Office of Insular Affairs of the Department of the Interior released this week $200,000 to fund the second half of the 2018-2020 National Coral Reef Management Fellowship Program in four U.S. territories.

This selective graduate-level program has already placed fellows in American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the CNMI.

Doug Domenech, assistant secretary of the Interior for Insular and International Affairs, said that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "is a strong advocate for sustainably developing and protecting our natural resources. Finding that balance is critical in island economies and the Coral Reef Fellows provide important support toward coral reef and natural resource management in each island area.

"This program is designed to meet unique needs as identified by each territory and provide valuable experience for effective local coral reef ecosystem management," he added.

This week's funding provides for the second year of the 2018-2020 program and supplements an earlier grant of $200,000 announced in July 2017. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides funding to place additional fellows in Hawaii, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force members and the All Islands Task Force have identified the Coral Fellows program as one of its highest priorities for funding. The National Coral Reef Institute of Nova Southeastern University in Florida administers this program. ***(PR)***

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EDITORIAL

Another school mass shooting, another tired recitation of NRA talking points

The National Rifle Association wants to make Friday's high school shooting in Texas all about building security. The answer, as robotically recited by various officials, is to harden schools, establish airport-style security checkpoints, add more armed guards and allow teachers to pack heat.

But apparently no number of young people's corpses and grieving parents will move the organization to discuss the real issue: reducing shooters' access to their mass-killing weapons of choice.

The killer at Santa Fe High School in Texas, Dimitrios Pagourtzis, 17, used weapons that many Americans would regard as permissible with common-sense gun control. His weapons, a shotgun and .38-caliber revolver belonging to his father, contrasted with the rapid-fire assault rifles and high-capacity magazines of previous mass shootings. Regardless, the boy had no business gaining access to them.

But there is no single, simple answer to address the myriad factors in mass-shooting rampages. Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott believes the answer is for "everyone" to sit down and talk about it. What more is left to discuss after the school mass tragedies in Columbine, Colo.; Virginia Tech; Sandy Hook elementary in Connecticut; or Parkland, Fla.?

Does Abbott truly want to entertain common-sense solutions, or is he more interested in diverting the conversation away from solutions that might make his major NRA campaign donors uncomfortable? We suspect it's the latter, because a familiar pattern developed right after the bodies were cleared from the scene of Friday's shootings.

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, drawing directly from NRA talking points, insisted the tragedy shouldn't be used as a political tool to punish law-abiding gun owners. He then quickly turned the discussion to abortion, violent video games and respect for life.

Newly installed NRA President Oliver North did exactly the same on Sunday talk shows. "You are not going to fix it by taking away the rights of law-abiding citizens." he told Fox News. He told ABC News: "We have devalued life, whether it's through abortion, whether it's the breakup of families or violent movies and particularly violent video games."

The lone voice of common sense was Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, who said thoughts and prayers won't substitute for action to limit gun rights.

The NRA is so overwhelmed by mass shootings, it apparently can't keep up with the pace. As of Monday, its website was still fixated on the Feb. 14 mass shooting in Florida instead of updating it to acknowledge the Texas victims.

These shootings are now so commonplace, they don't last more than a few news cycles before being overtaken by volcano spatter or outrageous presidential tweets. If images of grieving parents and young corpses aren't enough to make Americans focus on the real problem, perhaps our next thoughts and prayers should be for the lost soul of our nation.

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Here's a bigger threat to Trump than impeachment

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In recent weeks, Republican leaders have sought to motivate potentially lagging GOP turnout in November's midterm elections by hoisting the bloody flag of impeachment, warning that the main goal of a Democratic House would be to launch proceedings to drive Donald Trump from office.

Admittedly, some Democrats openly tout that goal. But the party's top leaders have made clear it's not their intention, in part because, at this point, no one can predict if special counsel Robert Mueller's probe will conclude by accusing Trump of the "high crimes and misdemeanors" needed for impeachment.

A greater likelihood, and perhaps a far greater threat to Trump and the GOP, is that a Democratic House would begin to perform the congressional oversight functions that Republicans have basically ignored after spending the previous six years going after Barack Obama's Democratic administration.

From the role of industry lobbyists in environmental decisions to the degree to which Trump and his family members may be benefitting financially from his presidency, administration appointees have created a lengthy list of juicy targets for lawmakers interested in probing whether they were serving the public interest—and trying to score political points.

Here are some potential targets:

■ The administration's failure to follow up the intelligence community's conclusion of alleged Russian interference of the 2016 election by taking steps to prevent it in the 2018 and 2020 elections.

■ The role of former industry lobbyists in the Environmental Protection Administration's decisions to ease restrictions governing such issues as methane emissions from new oil and gas wells, coal ash waste from power plants, and fertilizer runoff into rivers and streams.

■ An administration-wide cutback on civil rights enforcement. This includes a reduction in activity by the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and Housing Secretary Ben Carson's proposal to postpone requirements for HUD funding recipients to show efforts to overcome racial segregation patterns.

■ The administration's inconsistent implementation of its restrictive immigration policies. In particular, the administration has deported people who, after entering the U.S. illegally many years ago, have been productive citizens with families and without criminal records. Further, the administration has impacted agriculture by limiting migrant farm workers.

■ The Department of Health and Human Services' efforts to implement administrative measures to undercut the protections of the Affordable Care Act to compensate for the Republicans' failure to repeal it legislatively.

■ Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' decision to kill inquiries into alleged fraudulent activities at a for-profit college where several of her top officials had previously been employed.

■ The role of lobbyists from energy companies in the decision by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to reduce by 2 million acres the amount of federally protected lands at two national monuments in Utah, Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante. This opened most of the region's coal deposits and retired oil and gas leases.

■ President Trump's reported orders to the Postmaster General to double postal rates on Amazon because he dislikes the coverage of his administration by The Washington Post, owned by the online retailer's founder, Jeff Bezos.

■ Mishandling of recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. This includes Zinke's decision to award a no-bid $300 million contract for restoring the island's damaged electrical power grid to a small Montana firm which proved totally incapable of doing it.

■ An array of administration actions eliminating the role of science and scientists in determining public policy, such as Pruitt's proposed ban on using confidential studies on the impact of environmental rules; the shutting down of specific studies on the effect of salt in children's lunches and the health impact of certain pesticides; and the elimination of references to the impact of climate change in various government studies.

■ The extent to which Trump and members of his family have taken advantage of their positions to benefit financially. For example, Trump-owned facilities have been used for federal meetings and to house security personnel. And some U.S policies facilitated foreign government decisions that could benefit family members, like Qatar's reported decision to help bail out son-in-law Jared Kushner's financially ailing New York real estate venture.

Earlier this month, House Speaker Paul Ryan warned at a California conference that, if Republicans lose either the House or Senate, "then you'll have absolute gridlock. You'll have gridlock, you'll have subpoenas, you'll have just the system shutting down."

Judging from last week's farm bill train wreck and the minimal overall legislative record, the system isn't working too well now, under total GOP control. But there haven't been many subpoenas, not to mention the kind of oversight Congress should be performing. That's likely to change dramatically if Democrats win the House or the Senate.

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Stepping on the coffee brake

By ED STEPHENS JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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McDonald's and Winchell's, are, of course, known for burgers and doughnuts respectively, but another thing they have in common is good coffee. I've planned many an errand on Saipan, and elsewhere, around getting my coffee fix at such places. For me, coffee is often the key driver that gets me in the door.

Unfortunately, I've had the coffee habit called into question. Earlier this month I spent an afternoon with a doctor of traditional Chinese medicine. We went to a temple, then we had lunch, then we went to a cafe. We weren't discussing medicine or anything related to it, up until the point, that is, when the doctor noted that over the course of several hours I had downed several cups of coffee.

Well, yes, I sure did. She, by contrast, had demurely imbibed just one cup of tea.

Although my coffee habit doesn't raise any eyebrows in my circles, probably because my pals share the same practice, the doctor thought this was such an unhealthy routine that it compelled commentary. Is this a mere cultural difference? Or is there something more important at work? I don't know. But she doesn't strike me as the meddlesome or the finger-wagging type. If something makes her speak up it's probably worth heeding.

I asked her how much coffee is OK for people to drink. She said, without equivocation, one cup a day.

One cup of coffee per day? That's so extreme I can't even cheat the specification by asking how big the cup can be.

This is yet one more example of why the older I get, the less I like surprises.

I was going to delve further into this matter by asking about the logic behind it. And, in fact, I thought it would make an item of interest worth sharing with *Saipan Tribune* readers: "The Secret to Long Life, Read it Here!"

However, on second thought, I chickened out. It's easier for me to preemptively reject logic that I haven't been exposed to yet. Saves time. Saves worry.

Furthermore, I think I've got a work-around here. The next time I make lunch plans with the doctor I'm going to put a pack of cigarettes in my shirt pocket. This will serve as a bad-habit decoy. It will draw any flack while the coffee thing evades notice. Hopefully, things will fall back to normal at that point.

Like most of my bright ideas, though, this one had pitfalls that became visible after the honeymoon period wore off. For example, what if the decoy cigarettes don't provoke any remarks but the coffee thing comes up again? This would only aggravate my worries. Then what?

Well, if Edgar Allen Poe could indulge morbid curiosity about a near-death experience (in a ghoulish exercise called "mesmerism,"), I figured I could be just as brave and try a near no-coffee experience. If the experiment made a martyr out of me, then perhaps my fellow coffee hounds would put up a statue in my honor.

Well, as it turns out, the statue won't be necessary.

Fortunately, I found that just one cup of day was sufficient to avoid headaches or other ailments commonly associated with caffeine withdrawals.

In fact, the hardest thing about the one-cup routine was checking my habit of chasing the first cup of the day with a second cup. This one-two punch has been reflex since high school. Outside of that, though, once the day got rolling and I had other things to think about, it wasn't a big deal. I'd still rather drink coffee than not drink coffee, but I guess I don't have to sip the stuff all the time.

I guess some habits aren't as important as we think they are.

For example, when I was in corporate life I used to spend about 30 minutes a day reading the financial news. One day I neglected to do this, only to realize that I was no worse off for the oversight. That 30 minutes a day, of course, was better spent doing actual work. Well, make that 29 minutes on a net basis, since I would still spend a minute or so scanning the key pages. Outside of that, though, if there was something newsworthy it had a way of finding its way to my desk anyway, generally via a clipping from a colleague or via general office conversation.

Anyway, back in the coffee world, I ran the one-cup experiment for seven days. I have no idea if I'll revert to my old habits or not. In the meantime, I've inked a lunch date for next week and I've got to make a decision: regular or menthol?

At Least

LITERARY NOOK

By RIZA RAMOS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Riza Ramos is a registered nurse at the Commonwealth Health Center's hemodialysis unit. She has authored three books, including Drinking Seawater, a memoir of Typhoon Soudelor.

Complex and sharp
like a blade of a sword,
at least for you
might be just two simple words.
In many ways has confined me,
at least has opened my eyes
to beautiful things
I once failed to see,
I may not be in possession
of much beauty and wealth.
But *at least* this morning
I woke up in perfect shape and health.
Problems? Struggles?
at least I'm not alone,
I looked around and see
there's so much more!
But be careful
at least could either make or break
just to thrive
no need to strive or seek.
Once I'd been fooled
by *at least's* simple trap
Satisfied with what I have,
though I knew I got more
just waiting to be tapped,
For most part
at least has comforted me,
time to time, day to day,
At least I see the clouds and feel the wind,
At least I heard the birds sing,
swim with the fish scaly and finned,
at least I can cry
at least I can sigh
at least from failure I can still try!

Of incompetence

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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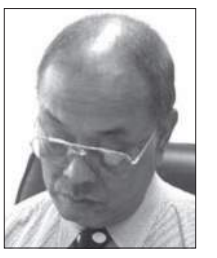

How do you dispose of legislators who raised their salaries by 80 percent while completely ignoring the livelihood of 14,000-plus employees earning poverty income level and below? They also ignored 3,000 retirees with fixed income.

Did you forget that salaries have remained the same for over 20 years while the cost of basic goods have exploded like giant firecrackers into the evening skies? What in this equation did you miss as family men? Or did tidings of your impending largess turn you deaf, mute, and clinically dead? Or isn't this more like politically dead moving forward?

I'm sure you know that hardship includes paying for the first family home, food, clothing, family car, childcare, healthcare; various insurance from real estate to life; and tuition. Income is bogged down to pennies for survival and hardship is a lifetime epidemic throughout the archipelago.

Families must endure these obligations against salaries that remained the same all these years. Did you folks expect villagers to juggle magic from the filthy swamp of your arrogance and negligence?

The only reason this hardship doesn't show its ugly face is because of the culture of inclusion. We cover for the wellbeing of the whole. We even share food stamps to ensure kids have something at the dinner table in the evening. It's a cultural forte that has saved the day for the multitude of hard-hit families! But it doesn't absolve you from your arrogance and incompetence leapfrogging their needs!

To illustrate a point, I used federal poverty income guideline for a family of two, four and six to demonstrate income at this level. You compare it against how much the Lords of Weed on the hill would be raking in beginning next year. A family of two makes $16,240 per year, family of four, $24,600 and family of six, $32,960 per annum.

The 80-percent salary hike gave each legislator an increase of $31,600 for a base salary of $70,000 per year. You add other perks like a monthly stipend of $2,500 or $30,000 per year for Saipan senators. Ooops! Add an auto lease of $400-$600 per month for $4,800 per year; cell phone deposit of $100 plus fee for service; computer and services for $125 per month or $1,500 annually for total perks per year of $36,400.

Party! Each Saipan senator happily walks away with $106,400 while House members some $76,400. The 14,000-plus employees could only salivate at the largess headed to the elected elite. No wonder they brave humiliation seeking re-election to begin receiving their largess by 2019. Seriously, did they do anything to improve the power of family purses?

Plan: A legislative initiative seeks to use $1 million from accrued interest obtained through the Marianas Public Land Trust to pay for health insurance of eligible individuals of Northern Marianas descent, while the remaining accrued interest is deposited into a special account for distribution to eligible NMDs annually. A house joint committee has begun public hearing on this plan.

Health cost is definitely a huge ticket item under any government. The federal government spends about $700 billion yearly subsidizing Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program to ensure low income are covered.

But the issue requires dedicated review how many are now under Medicaid, Medicare, Children's health program, especially who are very poor and don't have access even to any form of assistance. If the intent is to help then it should be every NMI descent regardless of income. Coverage ensures sick people get help rather than stay home where conditions worsen out of embarrassment for inability to pay such nightmarish issues as deductibles.

Noticed the measure toying with the term "eligible." Are you suggesting that help would include use of income brackets? Shouldn't this be based solely on genealogy? Think about it and think hard!

The preliminary amount being earmarked for this purpose is laughable. Please, engage due diligence and secure expert views. I think this item requires at least upwards of $8 million. Learn to do the right things by doing it right. No more half-cocked measures!

Remember, everybody is a full owner of these public lands! Have you checked the accrued interest to see if it is sufficient for this purpose? Just thinking out loud!

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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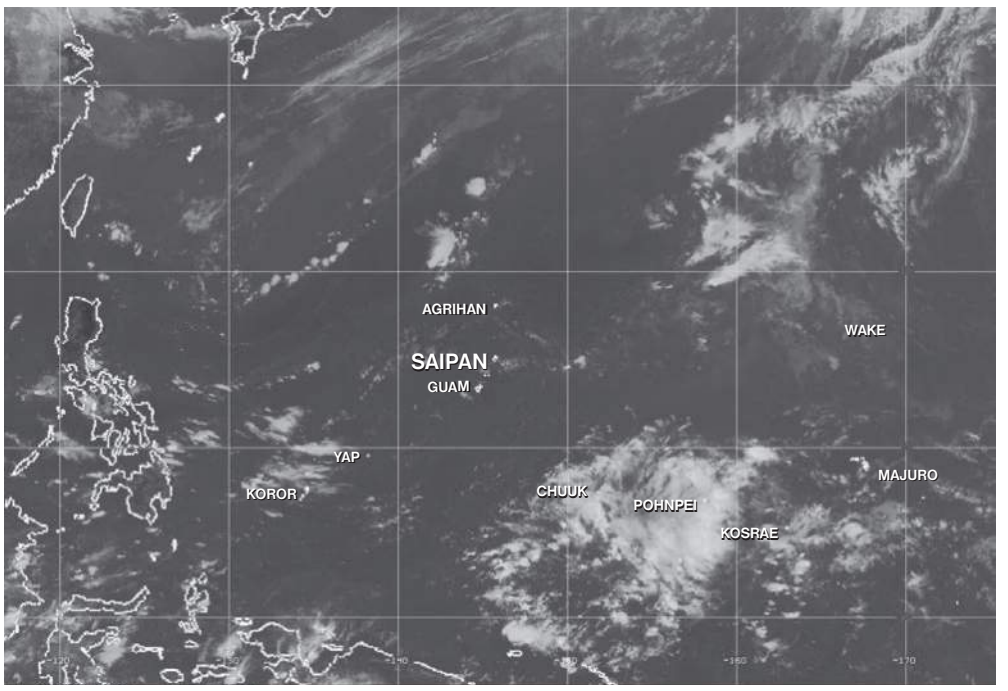

PICTURE TIME: 6:26 PM, THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A fairly dry pattern is now moving in to the Marianas. Mid-level drying will help decrease the likelihood of island convection this afternoon. This combined with a bit stronger easterly winds will help push developing showers offshore to the west of Guam. Therefore, a few showers will be the rule today on through the weekend.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	88° / 81°
Palau	Thunderstorm	86° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorm	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	87° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	87° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	86° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Windy	59° / 55°
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	81° / 59°
Hong Kong	Sunny	91° / 82°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	84° / 73°
London	Cloudy	75° / 57°
Los Angeles	Sunny	68° / 56°
Manila	Thunderstorm	97° / 82°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	66° / 55°
Miami	Thunderstorm	79° / 76°
New York	Sunny	86° / 66°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	79° / 63°
Paris	Thunderstorm	81° / 63°
Busan	Sunny	73° / 63°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	81° / 63°
Salem	Thunderstorm	81° / 68°
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	58° / 50°
Seoul	Sunny	81° / 57°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	77° / 64°
Washington, DC	Sunny	87° / 68°

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4:30 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.97
11:15 AM	LOW TIDE	0.46
5:04 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.52
10:53 PM	LOW TIDE	0.61

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:46 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:41 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Tuesday	5:45 AM	6:42 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	2:36 AM	2:59 PM
Saturday	-	3:17 AM	3:51 PM
Sunday	-	3:58 AM	4:42 PM
Monday	-	4:40 AM	5:33 PM
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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

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BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
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UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
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1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
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1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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Trump's Nobel can wait

By RICH LOWRY
KING FEATURES SYND., INC.

Who would have guessed that a Trump crowd 15 months into his presidency would be chanting, "Nobel! Nobel! Nobel!"

As in Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor and philanthropist who created the prizes, including one for peace. The prize was on the minds of Trump fans thanks to developments on the Korean peninsula, where Kim Jong Un has stopped testing missiles and started love-bombing the South.

Donald Trump has a typically modulated view of how much he had to do with this. "Everything," he told his Michigan rally. If that's too boastful, the president deserves credit for breaking with Barack Obama's policy of "strategic patience" that effectively meant accepting North Korea's march toward a nuclear-tipped ICBM.

Trump tightened up on a sanctions regime. And he undertook a Trumpian pressure campaign consisting of insults, fiery rhetoric, extreme ambiguity about his true intentions and braggadocio about the size of his nuclear button. If many in the United States were freaked out, it stands to reason that Kim took notice.

This is all to the good, but nothing we have seen so far from Kim is inconsistent with the decadeslong North Korean diplomatic pattern of selling us the same fake concessions in exchange for sanctions relief and economic benefits.

Inspiring talk with the South Koreans about a breakthrough to a new era of peace? To paraphrase Barack Obama's famous put-down of Mitt Romney, 1992, 2000 and 2007 all want their foreign policies back. High-flying joint declarations in each of those years proved meaningless.

Mothballing nuclear facilities as a sign of good faith? Kim is inviting the press to witness the shuttering of a tunnel complex used to test nuclear weapons. His father destroyed a cooling tower in front of the international media in 2008.

Promises to the U.S. to disarm? Pyongyang said it was ending its illicit plutonium program in the 1994 Agreed Framework. It said it was giving up "all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs" in 2005 as part of the so-called Six-Party Talks. It said in 2007 that it was agreeing to specific steps to follow through on its 2005 commitment. All came to naught.

This is why the ultimate test of Trump's mettle isn't getting Kim to the negotiating table, but being willing to walk away from it.

He'd do well to familiarize himself with Ronald Reagan's high-wire summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at Reykjavik in 1986. They audaciously discussed eliminating all nuclear weapons, before the Soviets demanded an end to the SDI missile-defense program. Reagan walked away. The summit was considered a failure, but Reagan had convinced the Soviets that we weren't going to give up our technological advantage over them.

Trump should conceive of his meeting with Kim as a continuation of his campaign of coercive diplomacy. Should it (in all likelihood) fail to elicit a credible decision by the North to give up its nukes, it should be the pivot toward an even harsher clampdown on the North.

None of the great and good are going to shower Trump with accolades for being cleareyed and tough-minded, but that's what his negotiations with Kim require. The Nobel can wait.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My condolences to the CNMI…

Editor's Note: The following is a statement from Doug Domenech, the assistant secretary Insular and International Affairs of the Office of Insular Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior, on the passing of former CNMI governor Pedro "Teno" Pangelinan Tenorio.

On behalf of U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, myself, and my staff in the Office of Insular Affairs, I extend my deepest condolences to the family and the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on the passing of the late Pedro "Teno" Pangelinan Tenorio. He passed away on Monday, May 21, 2018, in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Governor Tenorio was no stranger to the federal family. His legacy is his many years of public service involving both the public and private sectors and conviction to advance the interests of his people. He has represented the people of the Northern Mariana Islands on many occasions, testifying before the U.S. Congress, meeting with various administration officials, and seeking support from numerous federal agencies in his quest to improve the lives of his people and protect his islands. His humility whilst carrying out his duties marks the character of a true statesman. His passing will be felt by the people of the Commonwealth as well as by the many friends and acquaintances who he met during his many visits to Washington, D.C. and throughout the United States.

May God bless and comfort the family of the late Pedro "Teno" Pangelinan Tenorio and the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands during this time of mourning.

Doug Domenech
Office of Insular Affairs

In memoriam

I was in a school chapel attending a graduation ceremony when I received a sad text message that my favorite former boss and good friend had passed away. A flood of memories overcame me as I sat watching young people finishing a big step in their lives. As I watched these new graduates smile confidently about their various futures, I fondly remembered my kindly boss who supported education with a quiet but fervent passion. Even with his busy schedule so many years ago, we always attended school events.

One time at Hopwood we were at a school science fair when a student placed her scary-looking exhibit on my arm. She said don't worry, it was a "friendly" tarantula spider. I nervously smiled and saw my boss chuckle at my reaction. I quickly transferred the large hairy monster to the arm of my boss and waited for his reaction. He stared at me with a look that I was now unemployed, but then he smiled at the youngster and urged her to remove the spider from his arm. Then my boss graciously complimented me on my "get even" move to place the spider on his arm, but said with a friendly smile to never do that again. I could go on with many special stories about a special boss, but I'll stop here.

It's with a personal sadness and the peace of mind knowing that the good Lord is welcoming a great man into His arms forever, that I now lovingly say, rest in peace, governor Pedro P. Tenorio, and thanks for the many special memories and I know you'll be watching over first lady Sophia and your family from your new heavenly home.

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K-pop's Momoland films in the Marianas

Korean idol group Momoland, whose song *Bboom Bboom* was ranked No. 1 on Korean music charts in April, visited the Marianas this month to shoot a music video for the song and film a reality television show.

The music video for the Japanese version of *Bboom Bboom* was shot on Saipan and highlighted the destination's beautiful natural scenery and locations. There were nearly 50 people involved in the film group from April 27-May 2, including nine Momoland members (Hyebin, Yeonwoo, Jane, Taeha, Nayoon, Daisy, Ahin, Jui and Nancy) and a 40-member production crew.

The music video team arrived early to develop film concepts and identify ideal production locations by visiting hotels, waterpark, Micro Beach, Pau Pau Beach, Ladder Beach, Marpi and shopping malls. They filmed the music video at the entrance and gardens of Aqua Resort Club Saipan, the waterpark at Pacific Island Club Saipan, the lobby of Imperial Pacific Resort Hotel, sunset at Micro Beach, Ladder Beach, and Managaha Island. The beautiful nature scenes on Saipan set the background and get extensive coverage in the music video, whose general concept was a treasure hunt in the forest.

Members of K-pop group Momoland and their video production crew visit The Last Command post on April 30, 2018. MVA

"The media exposure value of Momoland's video shoot is going to be tremendous for the Marianas. They are one of the top up-and-coming K-pop groups in Korea," said acting

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MVA managing director Judy Torres. "All parties involved in the project, including the artists, expressed strong satisfaction and appreciation for the support they received from the MVA and our tourism partners. The music video film team also expressed they would like to also visit Tinian and Rota for future projects."

The Japanese version of the music video is expected to be released in mid-June through J-pop music channels as well as social media channels including YouTube and Instagram.

The reality show "Momoland's Beautiful Days in Saipan" episode will be released in Korea through V App Live, Naver TV, MBC Music and cable broadcasting channels. The filming involved Sea Touch and Jetovator by Let's Go Tour, Mandi Asia Spa, T Galleria, and I Love Saipan. ***(MVA)***

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Members of K-pop group Momoland film the music video for the Japanese version of their No. 1 hit Bboom Bboom on Apr. 29, 2018, at Micro Beach.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on May 30

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association support meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Voter registration today at Fiesta

The Commonwealth Election Commission will hold a voter registration drive at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, Azucena Room today, May 25, from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Be sure to bring a copy of your birth certificate certified by the court, a valid U.S. passport, or naturalization documents to show proof of your citizenship.

A person is eligible to vote who, on Nov. 6, 2018, is 18 years of age or older, is domiciled in the Commonwealth, has resided in the Commonwealth for 120 days prior to the day of the election, is not serving a sentence for a felony conviction, has not been declared by a court to be judicially insane, and is either a citizen or national of the United States as defined in the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution.

Previously registered voters who have failed to vote in the 2014 and 2016 general election must re-register to be eligible to vote in the 2018 regular general election.

Anyone requiring voter registration information may call the commission's office at (670) 664-VOTE (8683) or email at administrative@votecnmi.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

CHamoru commission meeting in Guam

The Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru yan i Fina'nå'guen i Historia yan i Lina'la' Taotao Tåno' (Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam) will hold its monthly meetings on June 7 and 21 and July 5 and 19, 2018 from 12:30pm to 3pm at the Division of Humanities conference room, University of Guam. The agenda items include approval of Minutes, committee reports, office space, financial matters, responses to communications received, CHamoru orthography revisions and printing, and progress of Strategic Planning and Implementation activities. Additionally, there will be work sessions on June 14 and 28 and July 12 and 26, from 12:30pm to 3pm at the same venue.

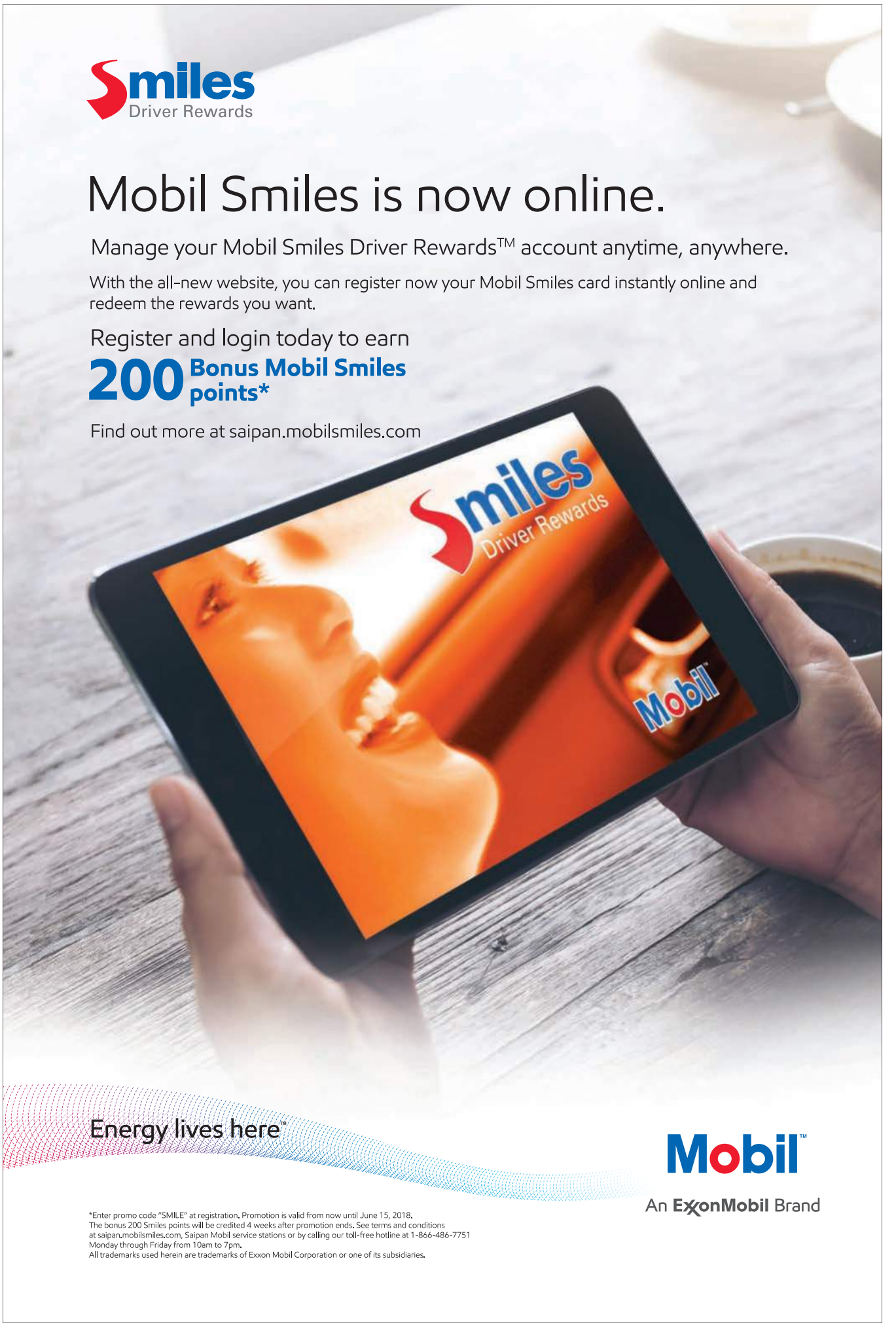
For further information call commission chair Hope Alvarez Cristobal at 483-0097 or Rosa Salas Palomo at 727-5522. ***(PR)***

Call for submissions: Memorial Day tribute

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) invites veterans, service members, military family members, and members of the community to participate in a special Memorial Day video tribute honoring the men and women who have died while serving in the nation's armed forces, as well as those who passed away after service. Photographs, videos, and visual artwork rare welcome. Submissions will be accepted up to May 23, and should include the names, dates of birth and death, branch of service, rank, unit, any operation or conflict served, as well as a brief message of remembrance, up to 75 words. For more information, or to submit a tribute, contact Johnson at randy.johnson@mail.house.gov or call 323-2647. ***(PR)***

Nominees sought for MINA's Green Awards

The Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance is seeking nominations for this year's Green Award for presentation at the annual Green Gala event slated for Sept. 14, 2018. The deadline for submission of nominees is June 1, 2018. Awards are given in the following categories, and nominations will be accepted from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota: Environmental Champion Award, Environmental Heroes Award, and Green Business of the Year. Submit nominations to rguerrero.mina@gmail.com. For additional information, call 233-7333. (***PR***)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Tinian breaks ground on observation deck

The Tinian Mayor's Office held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Tinian Lookout Observation Deck on Friday, May 18, 2018.

The event took place at the project site, the Tinian Lookout, where visitors can enjoy a view of Sasanhalom Bay, which is composed of Kammer, Taga and Tachogna beaches and San Jose Village.

With the construction of the observation deck, the Tinian leadership seeks to enhance the already-stunning scenic views from the Tinian Lookout. The structure will have two tiers that slightly extend westward over the existing slope: the first tier is accessible to persons with disabilities and will lie slightly aboveground level; the second tier will extend further out from the slope and bring visitors to the tree line, giving them a panoramic view of both Tinian and Aguiguan.

The concept of an observation deck was conceived by Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas. Inspired by the recent improvements at Kalabera Cave, San Nicolas presented his idea to the Marianas Visitors Authority board in 2016 to begin a new tourism enhancement project on Tinian. Upon MVA's approval, the Tinian Mayor's Office was granted $104,000 to build the deck.

"This project is an effort to build Tinian as a tourist destination upon its foundations of natural island beauty...[thank you] to our MVA board members and staff for recognizing Tinian's unique potential," said San Nicolas in his remarks.

Delegation chair Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) also commended MVA's partnership as Tinian leader develops a new vision for Tinian: "The Tinian Lookout Observation Deck is yet another key example of team-oriented coordination which initiates special projects that will promote Tinian's beauty and tranquility. Tinian is always working towards self-enhancement, and because of recent developments in the CNMI, the leadership is looking into 'rebranding' Tinian as a destination. Again, this will require continued partnership with MVA and all others to make this happen."

The contract to build the Tinian Lookout Observation Deck was awarded to FPA Pacific Corp. in 2017. The total project cost is $188,484, of which $104,000 will be funded by Tourism Enhancement Funds. The remainder of the project cost will be funded by Tinian's CDA bond interest funds. Project completion is expected to take place in the first half of 2019. ***(PR)***

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From left, Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz; Juan O. Barcinas, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services deputy commissioner and former Tinian MVA board member; Sen. Francisco M. Borja; Rep. Edwin P. Aldan; councilor Edwin M. Hofschneider; Reynaldo M. Cing, Tinian Department of Public Lands director; Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas; Tatiana Babauta, Marianas Visitors Authority product development manager; Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider; Fr. Rey Rosal; and Donald J. Power, vice president of FPA Pacific Corp.

Car Seat Recommendations for Children

- Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, and choose a seat that fits in your vehicle and use it every time.
- Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions; read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system; and check height and weight limits.
- To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.

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Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.

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Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

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Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

BOOSTER SEAT
Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

SEATBELT
Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

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Business

Las Vegas strike would have far-reaching effect

LAS VEGAS (AP)—What happens in Las Vegas could have a ripple effect across the country if 50,000 casino-hotel workers employed at more than 30 of the city's world-famous resorts go on strike at any time starting next week.

If members of the union that includes hotel and food workers don't show up to work, it could cost the destination millions and lead to travel woes for anyone taking a vacation or business trip to Sin City. It could also send casinos looking for temporary workers amid low unemployment rates.

Analysts declined Wednesday to weigh in on the financial impact that a strike could have on casino operators. But the casinos and hotels aren't the only ones who would feel the squeeze; local and state governments stand to lose millions from the impact on tourism.

The last time casino-hotel workers went on strike across Las Vegas, the job action lasted 67 days and cost workers and the city more than $1 million a day each in lost wages and revenues, not counting gambling losses. The price could be much higher this time if the two sides can't reach agreements: The city has 90,000 more hotel rooms and gets an additional 29 million visitors a year.

David Fiorenza, who teaches urban economics at Villanova University, said local and state governments will start to notice a hit to their sales tax revenue if the strike lingers. And if hotel stays decrease, there will be less revenue from the local hotel tax.

Fiorenza doesn't expect an immediate impact on the number of people visiting Las Vegas if a strike happens, but it will affect bookings if the strike lasts more than a few days.

"People who already booked to go out there are not going to cancel," he said.

But the strike is a lingering worry for those still planning summer vacations.

"What happens during the summer in Las Vegas is you get a lot of people who are traveling. They say 'We are going to visit family in California, and then, we'll go on a trip to Las Vegas,'" said Michael McCall, a Michigan State University professor of hospitality business. "This would deter them. That's going to shut down everything."

China says will 'firmly defend' rights over auto tariffs

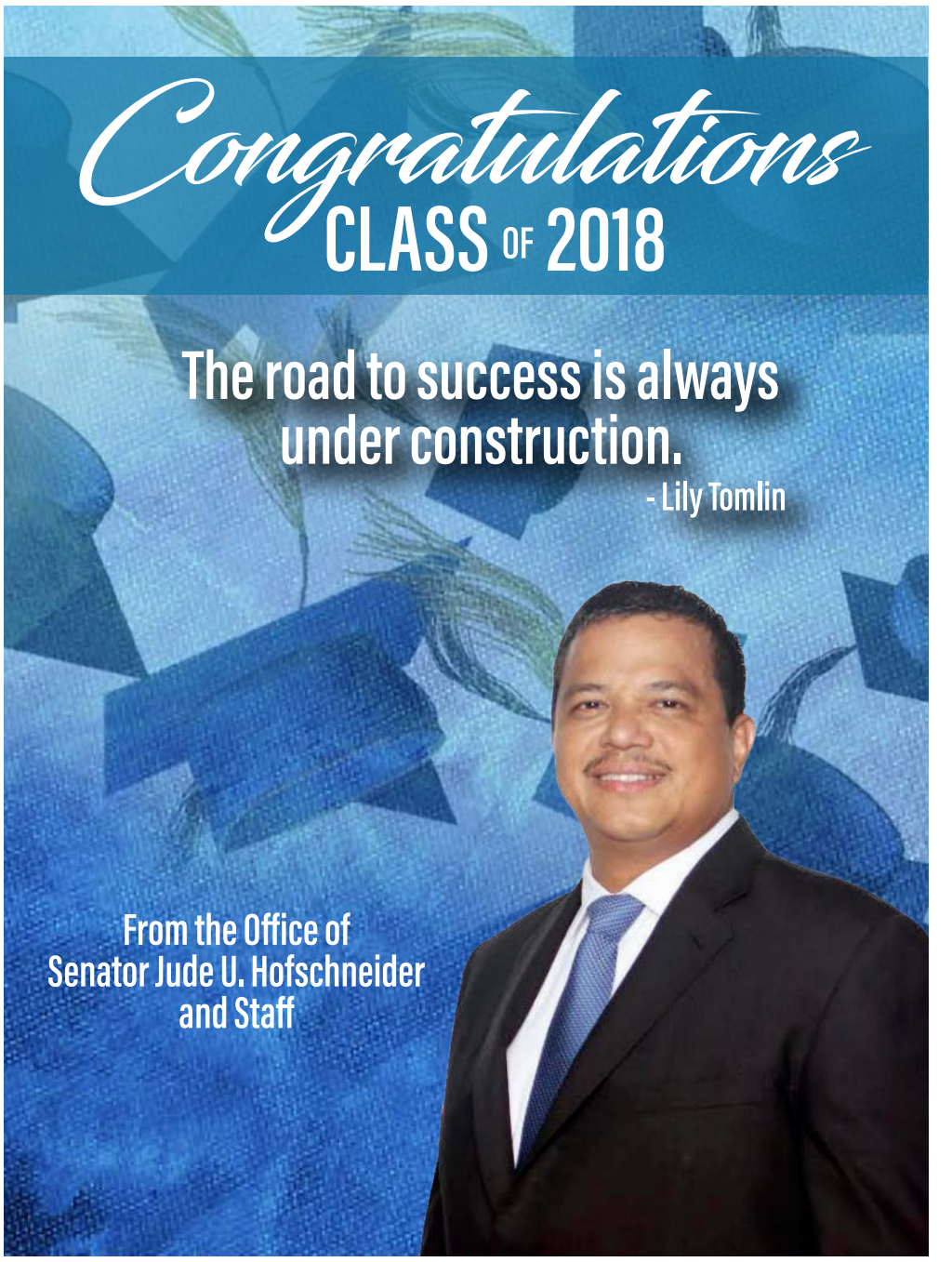
BEIJING (AP)—China says it will "firmly defend" its rights and interests against what it calls the Trump administration's abuse of national security provisions in trade.

The Commerce Ministry's response Thursday came after the Trump administration launched an investigation into whether tariffs are needed auto imports into the United States.

In doing so, Trump invoked a provision authorizing the president to restrict imports and impose unlimited tariffs on national security grounds, known as Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.

Ministry spokesman Gao Feng told reporters Thursday that abusing national security provisions would "undermine the multilateral trade system and disrupt the order of international trade."

Gao said China would follow progress of the investigation, assess the possible impact and "firmly defend our legitimate rights and interests."



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Leirha Erich Manalo (7th grade @ Tinian Jr. Sr Highschool)

Ysabella Jzel F. Lenteja (3rd grade @ Tinian Elementary School)

Fritz San Nicolas (8th grade @ Tinian Jr. Sr Highschool)

Rota

Vino, Victor (2nd grade @ GCA)

Claassens, Maria Karlan A. (8th grade @ GCA)

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Nation

Texas governor supports 2 small gun rules after shooting

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Wednesday he could support stronger regulations for gun storage and quicker reporting to law enforcement when a court has determined someone is mentally ill in order to keep them from having weapons.

Abbott said those were top considerations to emerge after meeting representatives of a gun control group and gun owners as well as mental health and education experts in discussions on school safety after 10 people were killed last week in a shooting at a high school near Houston.

"We have one goal ... making sure we're going to keep to our students, our schools, our communities safer," without limiting the right to bear arms, Abbott said.

Abbott, a Republican who has worked to expand gun rights in the state, called for the meetings as he weighs ideas for possible legislative action or executive orders. Tuesday focused on mental health issues.

Thursday's meeting will include students and families from the shooting at Santa Fe High School and the November 2017 attack on a rural church in Sutherland Springs, as well as Stephen Willeford, the armed "good Samaritan" who shot back at the church shooter.

The governor has said he wants to keep guns away from people "who would try to murder our children." But critics have said Texas isn't serious about changing its gun-loving culture. A group of student activists wrote the governor a letter Wednesday, criticizing his support of the National Rifle Association and calling for expanded background checks on gun purchases and other gun-control measures.

"We are dying on your watch. What will you do about it?" said the letter signed by students who identified themselves as organizers of Texas student gun-control marches held after the February shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida. The letter was first published as an ad in the Houston Chronicle.

Wednesday's three-hour discussion included representatives of Texas Gun Sense, which has pressed for tougher background checks for gun sales and "red flag" laws that keep guns away from people deemed a danger to themselves or others.

Ed Scruggs, vice chairman of Texas Gun Sense, said he was glad to get a seat at the table.

"This conversation is a long time in coming. We needed it and it kind of releases the tension a little bit," said Ed Scruggs, vice chairman of Texas Gun Sense. "You get a sense everyone does care."

Alice Tripp, legislative director for the Texas Rifle Association, said most of three-hour meeting wasn't about firearms and gun regulations and focused more addressing mental health in high school students and early intervention on finding warning signs of potential trouble.

Police have said the 17-year-old suspect in the Santa Fe shooting used his father's shotgun and .38-caliber handgun. Abbott said he and lawmakers need to look at how to address gun storage laws that might have prevented the shooter from getting the weapons.

Texas allows authorities to deny handgun licenses based on a person's mental health history and to seize weapons from people determined to be in a mental crisis in some circumstances. But mental health history information is up to the applicant to provide and is not related to the purchase of a gun.

Hawaii volcano generates blue flames from burning methane

HONOLULU (AP)—Blue flames from burning methane are the latest natural phenomena being seen at the eruption of the Kilauea volcano in Hawaii.

Nighttime photos released Wednesday by the U.S. Geological Survey show the flames spouting from cracks in the pavement in the Leilani Estates neighborhood where the volcano has been gushing lava on the big island of Hawaii for the past three weeks.

The volcano produces methane when hot lava buries and burns plants and trees.

"The methane gas will flow through the ground, through the cracks that are already existing, and will come up wherever there's a place for them to come up," said Wendy Stovall, a scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey.

The methane can seep through cracks several feet away from the lava. It can also cause explosions when it's ignited while trapped underground. These blasts can toss blocks several feet away, Stovall said.

Hawaii County has ordered about 2,000 people to evacuate from Leilani Estates and surrounding neighborhoods since the eruption began on May 3.

The volcano has opened more than 20 vents in the ground that have released lava, sulfur dioxide and steam. The lava has been pouring down the flank of the volcano and into the ocean miles away.

The Hawaii Army National Guard captured night aerial shots of lava flowing and fissures erupting from the Kilauea volcano along the lower Puna area of Big Island. (May 23)

The eruption has destroyed 50 buildings, including about two dozen homes. One person was seriously injured after being hit by a flying piece of lava.

Stovall said lava spatter from one of the vents was forming a wall that was helping protect a nearby geothermal plant.

Lava from that vent was shooting further into the air and producing the highest lava wall of all the vents, which was blocking molten rock from flowing north toward the plant.

Officials shut down Puna Geothermal shortly after the current eruption began.

On Tuesday, officials finished plugging wells that bring up hot liquid and steam to feed a turbine generator. Earlier this month they removed a flammable gas called pentane from the plant to reduce the chance of explosions.

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NOTICE TO ALL MARINE SPORTS OPERATORS IN SAIPAN, TINIAN, & ROTA

Pursuant to the recent amendments to NMIAC § 15-10, the Coastal Resources Management Rules and Regulations, the Director of the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be reissuing new Area of Particular Concern (APC) permits to all commercial marine sports operations on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The purpose for reissuing marine sports permits is to ensure such permits reflect updated terms and conditions and comply with the current requirements of NMIAC-10-205(h)(4). DCRM hereby advices all marine sports operators on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to reapply by submitting a new CRM APC permit application to DCRM on or before May 30, 2018. Any marine sports permit issued from previous years will no longer be valid effective May 31, 2018.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-020

REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF ENGINES 8 AND 4 AT POWER PLANT NO.1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Removal and relocation of Engine 8 Alternator and Engine No. 4 Frame & Alternator at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, of the removal of the engine frame and alternator assemblies from its foundation, dismantling and further relocation to a designated location as detailed in the bid documents. Both engines have been partially dismantled by the plant personnel.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **60 calendar days** from the date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP).

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non- refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **May 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC power plant Conference Room. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend both Pre-Bid and Site Visit.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-18-020 - Removal and relocation of Engine 8 Alternator and Engine No. 4 Frame & Alternator at Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 15, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 90 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 31, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Project Manager – via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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ACROSS THE NATION

US government set to release hurricane season outlook

MIAMI (AP)—U.S. government forecasters are set to release their prediction for how many hurricanes and tropical storms they expect to form over Atlantic and Caribbean waters in the next six months. The six-month Atlantic hurricane season officially starts June 1. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecasters will release their storm season outlook Thursday at the agency's aircraft operations center in Lakeland, Florida. That facility is the base for NOAA's "hurricane hunter" aircraft that fly into storms to collect data used in storm forecasts. NOAA predicted that 2017 would be an above-average season, and it certainly was: A trio of devastating hurricanes—Harvey, Irma and Maria—ravaged Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and many Caribbean islands. Overall, last year saw 17 named storms, including 10 hurricanes.

Woman's family petitions court to ID officers in her killing

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Attorneys for the family of a woman who was shot and killed by police in Mississippi have filed a petition in federal court seeking to force the department to provide the names of the officers involved. The Clarion Ledger quotes the petition that was filed Monday, and reports the Jackson Police Department has not named the officers in the Jan. 27 shooting of 21-year-old Crystalline Barnes. The petition says attorneys Carlos Moore and Jason Downs made a public records request to the city in April for any information pertaining to Barnes' death. Moore and Downs say police provided a one-page report to their request without the involved officers' names. Police say two officers fired into Barnes' vehicle when she drove it at them while attempting to flee a traffic stop.

Police: 3 family members found dead in Los Angeles house

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Police on Thursday were investigating the deaths of three family members found dead inside a Los Angeles home. A man coming to check on relatives Tuesday night in the Leimert Park neighborhood saw through a window what appeared to be three bodies on the floor, police Capt. Peter Whittingham said. The man went inside and found his father, grandmother and her husband dead with trauma to their heads, Whittingham said. The victims' names have not been released. A preliminary investigation found no immediate signs of a break-in or robbery, officials said No suspects have been named, but detectives interviewed a person of interest, Officer Tony Im said. He didn't know the person's relationship—if any—to the victims.

Video shows road rage suspect hitting man with sledgehammer

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A road rage suspect seen on surveillance video hitting a man with a sledgehammer after smashing the windows out of a vehicle is being sought by Philadelphia police. Video of the parking lot attack was posted online by the police department Wednesday. It shows the assailant exiting his pickup truck with a sledgehammer and busting out the driver's side window of an SUV. A passenger in the SUV then opens his door and falls out as the driver tries to speed away. The attacker hits the passenger with the sledgehammer as he limps off to get back in the SUV. The man with the sledgehammer then smashes the SUV's rear window as it drives off. Police are still trying to identify the attacker and the victims.

Police: Officer's gun goes off, striking man in burning home

DUNDALK, Md. (AP)—Police say an officer's gun discharged during an altercation, striking a man who had refused to leave a burning house in Maryland. Baltimore County police spokesman Cpl. Shawn Vinson says two officers had entered the Dundalk house on Wednesday and found a man and woman inside. The woman escaped, but the man refused to leave. Vinson says the officer's gun somehow discharged at one point, striking the man in the torso. The officer suffered from smoke inhalation, and WBAL-TV reports they were both taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Vinson says one officer was wearing a body camera and that police will check footage as they seek to determine why the gun fired.

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As of May 25, 2018
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. United States Navy/CTF73	03/02/2018 SPILR-2018-X-044	Salvage & Recovery of MV Lady Carolina	Tanapag Harbor Garapan	Ports & Industrial Lagoon & Reef	Under Review
2. Blue Sea Sports, Inc.	5/9/2018 SLR-2018-X-066	SCUBA Diving	All Saipan Dive Sites	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
3. Aqua Connections, INC	5/9/2018 S/TLR-2018-X-067	SCUBA Diving & Snorkeling	Saipan, Tinian & Managaha	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
4. Joji Taguchi dba Tropical Leisure Sports, INC	5/9/2018 SLR-2018-X-068	Parasailing, Jet ski & Banana Boat	Saipan Lagoon	Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
5. J&K Marine Sports, Inc. dba J&K Marine Sports	5/9/2018 SLR-2018-X-069	Banana Boat, Wakeboard & Jet ski	Saipan Lagoon	Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
6. Marianas Seas Adventures Inc.	5/16/2018 SLR-2018-X-071	SCUBA Diving	Managaha, West & South of Saipan & Tinian	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
7. Thank You Saipan Corporation	5/17/2018 SLR-2018-X-072	SCUBA Diving, Helmet Diving & Snorkel	Saipan Lagoon	Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
8. Saipan Marine Dive Co., LTD dba Saipan Marine Dive	5/17/2018 SLR-2018-X-073	SCUBA Diving	Lau Lau, Saipan	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
9. Bsea, Inc. dba Bsea Sunsports	5/21/2018 SLR-2018-X-076	Snorkeling	Saipan Lagoon	Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
10. Bsea, Inc. dba Bsea Sunsports	5/21/2018 SLR-2018-X-077	Parasailing & Banana Boat	Tanapag Lagoon	Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
11. Akhil Chandra Mollick dba Ichiban Marine Sports	5/21/2018 SLR-2018-X-079	Banana Boat, Wakeboard, Snorkeling & Kayak	Hyatt Regency Beach Side & Outer Cove Marina	Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
12. Big Boys Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boy'z II Marine	5/21/2018 SLR-2018-X-080	Banana Boat, Jet-ski, Parasailing, Kayak, Snorkeling & Stand up Paddle Boarding	Kanoa, Susupe, Fiesta, Garapan Beach & Outer Cove Marina	Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
13. Big Boys Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boy'z II Marine	5/21/2018 SLR-2018-X-081	Helmet Diving	Kanoa & Fiesta Beach Side	Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
14. Amodiving Center, Inc.	5/22/2018 SLR-2018-X-082	SCUBA Diving & Snorkeling	All Saipan Dive Sites	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
15. Sakura CNMI Corporation dba Sakura Marine Sports	05/24/2018 SLR-2018-X-083	Banana Boat, Snorkeling & Kayak	Fiesta beach & Outer Cover Marina	Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
16. Sakura CNMI Corporation dba Sakura Marine Sports	05/24/2018 SLR-2018-X-084	Jet-ski & Wakeboard	Fiesta beach & Outer Cove Marina	Motorized Marine Sports	Under Review
17. Micronesian Telecommunication Corporation dba IT&E	5/14/2018 S/T/RMS-91-X-117 Amendment 2018-1	Fiber Optic Split Pipe Repairs	Cable Landing Site Tinian & Rota	Major Siting	Under Review
18. Axe Murderer Tours, LLC	5/21/2018 SLR-2018-X-078	SCUBA Diving	All Saipan Dive Sites	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Approved* 5/24/2018
19. B & J Corporation dba Y2K Dive	5/21/2018 SLR-2018-X-075	SCUBA Diving	All Saipan Dive Sites	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Approved* 5/24/2018
20. Time Creation Corporation	5/15/2018 SLR-2018-X-070	SCUBA Diving & Snorkel	All Saipan Dive Sites	Motorized Marine Sports	Approved* 5/24/2018
21. Song & Jang Corporation dba B & B Grotto	5/18/2018 SLR-2018-X-074	Snorkel	Grotto, Saipan	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Approved* 5/24/2018
22. Zen Corporation dba Aqua Marine Sports	5/9/2018 SLR-2018-X-065	Kayak, Paddle Board, Windsurfing & Hobie Cat	Achugao, Saipan	Non-Motorized Marine Sports	Approved* 5/24/2018
23. Saipan International Real Estate Developer Corporation Limited dba Ocean Vista Resort	5/14/2018 SMS-20515-X-010 Amendment 2018-1	Reduce number of floors from 9 to 4 floors within the main hotel block	Capital Hill	Major Siting	Approved* 5/17/2018
24. CNMI Department of Public Works	5/1/2018 SW-2018-X-062	Route 34 Road Repair and Bank Stabilization Project	Kagman	Wetland	Approved* 5/16/2018
25. National Park Service	4/27/2018 SW-2018-X-061	Replace rusted culvert and concrete walkway	Garapan	Wetland	Approved* 5/14/2018
26. Saipan Globe International Group, LTD	5/4/2018 SSWCH-2018-X-063	Soil Investigation	San Roque	Shoreline, Wetland & Coastal Hazard	Approved* 5/15/2018
27. Commonwealth Ports Authority	5/4/2018 SPILR-2018-X-064	Miss Saipan Vessel Removal, Floating Dock Installation & Sewage Drainage Line Installation	Puerto Rico	Ports & Industrial Lagoon and Reef	Approved* 5/15/2018

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Asia

N. Korea slams Pence remark, renews threat to quit summit

TOKYO (AP)—North Korea has renewed its threat to pull out of a summit next month with President Donald Trump, saying it is just as ready to meet in a nuclear confrontation as at the negotiating table.

Pyongyang's latest salvo follows recent comments by U.S. Vice President Mike Pence suggesting the North may end up like Libya if it doesn't move forward with denuclearization.

Choe Son Hui, the vice minister of foreign affairs, was quoted Thursday by the North's state-run news agency slamming as "ignorant" comments Pence made in an interview with Fox News that compared North Korea to Libya, saying they showed he does not understand North Korea's situation.

She also questioned whether the summit, scheduled for June 12 in Singapore, would be worthwhile if the remarks reflect Washington's position.

"We will neither beg the U.S. for dialogue nor take the trouble to persuade them if they do not want to sit together with us," KCNA quoted her as saying. "Whether the U.S. will meet us at a meeting room or encounter us at nuclear-to-nuclear showdown is entirely dependent upon the decision and behavior of the United States."

The summit plan has hit a number of speed bumps recently as both sides have begun taking tougher positions and trading barbs. Trump met with South Korean President Moon Jae-in on Tuesday at the White House for consultations and suggested the summit could be delayed. But the U.S. says it is still working on making it happen.

Choe, a veteran diplomat and former head of the North America desk at the Foreign Ministry, was responding to comments Pence made to Fox News this week that it would be a "mistake" for the North Koreans to think they can "play" Trump. Pence said both the Clinton and Bush administrations had been "played" by the North Korean government.

"We offered concessions to the North Korean regime in exchange for promises to end their nuclear weapons program, only to see them break those promises and abandon them," he said, adding that if Pyongyang does not go along with talks to give up its nuclear weapons, Washington could return to the "Libya model."

Malaysia's ex-leader questioned again in corruption scandal

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia (AP)—Former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak has arrived at the anti-corruption agency's office for more questioning over alleged graft at a state investment fund.

He appeared relaxed and waved at reporters before entering the building Thursday for the second round of questioning about two weeks since he was ousted in national elections marked by public anger over the scandal.

Najib was quizzed by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission for more than four hours Tuesday about the 1MDB fund. U.S. investigators say Najib's associates stole and laundered $4.5 billion from the fund.

He was being asked specifically why 42 million ringgit ($10.6 million) was transferred into his bank account from a former unit of 1MDB.

The new anti-graft chief has said Najib, who denies any wrongdoing, could face criminal charges "very soon."

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PERIMETER SECURITY FENCE REPLACEMENT, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO.: 3-69-0003-27/XX.**

One original and three copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of Rota International Airport Perimeter Security Fence Replacement with perimeter access road, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the departure terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS ($200.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be **THREE HUNDRED (300) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER CALENDAR DAYS ($300.00)** shall be assessed the contractor if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Rota Ports Manager's Office, Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport at **10:00 a.m., Friday, June 8, 2018** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid opening.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will berejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by CPA. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. It is the Contractors' responsibility to verify and ensure that the drawings are printed without distortion after printing which may affect sheet size and scale of the design details. Prints shall be the actual intended size of 24" by 36" as initially prepared by the Designer of Record.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP60 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government wide Debarment and Suspension and Government wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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Date: May 16, 2018

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Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018,** at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, requires the removal and replacement of all airfield markings, procurement and replacement of airfield signage and other miscellaneous work in accordance with the plans and specifications and in compliance with FAA's Advisory Circular No. 150/5340-1L.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with Item G-100-3.2 (Contract Time) of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with Item G-100-3.4 (Liquidated Damages) of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the CPA Accounting Office, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of plan and specification documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Rota Port Manager's Office at 10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government-wide Debarment and Suspension and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: May 11, 2018

World

FBI seeks to thwart major cyberattack on Ukraine

LONDON (AP)—The FBI has put a spoke in the wheel of a major Russian digital disruption operation potentially aimed at causing havoc in Ukraine, evidence pieced together from researchers, Ukrainian officials and U.S. court documents indicates.

On Wednesday, network technology company Cisco Systems and antivirus company Symantec warnedthat a half-million internet-connected routers had been compromised in a possible effort to lay the groundwork for a cyber-sabotage operation against targets in Ukraine.

Court documents simultaneously unsealed in Pittsburgh show the FBI has seized a key website communicating with the massive army of hijacked devices, disrupting what could have been—and might still be—an ambitious cyberattack by the Russian government-aligned hacking group widely known as Fancy Bear.

"I hope it catches the actors off guard and leads to the downfall of their network," said Craig Williams, the director of outreach for Talos, the digital threat intelligence unit of Cisco that cooperated with the bureau. But he warned that the hackers could still regain control of the infected routers if they possessed their addresses and the right resources to re-establish command and control.

FBI Assistant Director Scott Smith said the agency "has taken a critical step in minimizing the impact of the malware attack. While this is an important first step, the FBI's work is not done."

Much about the hackers' motives remains open to conjecture. Cisco said the malicious software, which it and Symantec both dubbed VPNFilter after a folder it creates, was sitting on more than 500,000 routers in 54 countries but mostly in Ukraine, and had the capacity to render them unusable—a massively disruptive move if carried out at such a scale.

"It could be a significant threat to users around the world," said Williams.

The U.S. Justice Department said the malware "could be used for a variety of malicious purposes, including intelligence gathering, theft of valuable information, destructive or disruptive attacks, and the misattribution of such activities."

Ukraine's cyberpolice said in a statement that it was possible the hackers planned to strike during "large-scale events," an apparent reference either to the upcoming Champions League game between Real Madrid and Liverpool in the capital, Kiev, on Saturday or to Ukraine's upcoming Constitution Day celebrations.

Ukraine has been locked in a years-long struggle with Russia-backed separatists in the country's east and has repeatedly been hit by cyberattacks of escalating severity. Last year witnessed the eruption of the NotPetya worm, which crippled critical systems, including hospitals , across the country and dealt hundreds of millions of dollars in collateral damage around the globe.

Ukraine, the United States and Britain have blamed the attack on Moscow—a charge the Kremlin has denied.

Cisco and Symantec both steered clear of attributing the VPNFilter malware to any particular actor, but an FBI affidavit explicitly attributed it to Fancy Bear, the same group that hacked into the Democratic National Committee in 2016 and has been linked to a long series of digital intrusions stretching back more than a decade. The U.S. intelligence community assesses that Fancy Bear acts on behalf of Russia's military intelligence service.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARFF BUILDING RENOVATION, TINIAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0011-28/XX.**

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"TNI ARFF BUILDING RENOVATIONS, Tinian International Airport, Tinian, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0011-28/XX"*, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read at the Saipan Airport Conference Room immediately after the deadline on the same day.

The project, in general, consist of the TNI ARFF Builidng Renovation, extension and construction of new building. It includes demolition of existing ARFF Dispatch and first bay of the aforesaid building. A three storey building will be constructed as this site, and the remaining building will receive extension of frontage at Bay 2 and Bay 3. A new auxiliary building will be constructed adjacent to the building. Also, this project includes replacement of existing chainlink fence, replacement of water tank, additional parking and other associated works, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **Four Hundred Thirty (430) Calendar Days.** Liquidated damages in the amount of **One Thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A CD-ROM containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the departure terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS** ($200.00) for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Tinian Ports Manager's Office at the Tinian International Airport at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2018,** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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Date: May 23, 2018

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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) will hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the provisions of child care services under the State Plan for Child Care and Development Fund FFY2019-2021

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to provide their views relative to the proposed State Plan either orally or in writing at the hearing. The Public Hearing is scheduled at these dates, times and location.

June 4, 2018	Kagman Community Center, Saipan	6:00p.m.
June 5, 2018	Tinian Youth Center, Tinian	6:00p.m.
June 7, 2018	Multi-Purpose Hall, Susupe, Saipan	6:00p.m.
June 8, 2018	Sinapalo Youth Center, Rota	6:00p.m.

Sign language interpreter is available at all public hearings. If requested at least 5 working days before the scheduled public hearing, large print of the State Plan may be provided.

Copies of the proposed State Plan will be available by May 21, 2018 via the Child Care Licensing Program website (http://cnmicclp.org) or by calling (670) 664-2576/2589/2575.

All written comments should be received by the Child Care and Development Fund on or before June 15, 2018 and forwarded to: Maribel Loste, CCDF Program Administrator as a hard copy to CCDF Office, Bldg No. 1347 Ascension Ct. Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 or via email at ccdf.maribelloste@gmail.com

/s/ Robert H. Hunter
DCCA Secretary

Syrian official rejects US demand for Iranian withdrawal

MOSCOW (AP)—Syria on Wednesday dismissed American calls for the withdrawal of Iranian troops and Lebanese Hezbollah militants from the war-torn country.

Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal Mikdad told Russia's Sputnik news agency that "this topic is not even on the agenda of discussion, since it concerns the sovereignty of Syria."

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo issued a list of demands this week for a new nuclear deal with Iran, including the pullout of its forces from Syria, where they have provided crucial support to President Bashar Assad's government. Russia is also a key ally of Assad, and has been waging an air campaign in Syria since 2015.

Mikdad said in Wednesday's remarks that Syria "highly appreciates" Russia's military support as well as "advisers" from Iran and Hezbollah. He added that "we cannot let anyone even raise this issue" of the Iranian withdrawal.

"Those who ask for something like that—and this is definitely not our Russian friends—are considering the possibility of intervention in all parts of Syria, including the support of terrorists in Syria and elsewhere in the region," Mikdad said.

At a meeting with Assad, who visited Sochi last week, Russian President Vladimir Putin noted that a political settlement in Syria should encourage foreign countries to withdraw their troops.

Putin's envoy for Syria, Alexander Lavrentyev, later commented that the Russian leader's statement was aimed at the United States and Turkey, along with Iran and Hezbollah. It marked a rare instance in which Moscow suggested Iran should not maintain a permanent military presence in the country.

Russia has argued that its troops have deployed at the Syrian government's invitation, while the military presence of the U.S. and others has been illegal.

Lavrentyev's statement appeared to reflect a difficult balancing act for the Kremlin, which hopes to maintain good relations with both Iran and Israel. Israel has warned it will not accept a permanent Iranian military presence in Syria, and Israel struck a number of Iranian targets there earlier this month after what it said was a cross-border Iranian missile attack.

On Wednesday, Assad met with Lavrentyev in Damascus.

The two men discussed the Sochi meeting, according to Syrian state media, and Lavrentyev congratulated Assad on restoring full control over the capital and its suburbs. Assad said Russia was a partner to his government and said he would continue to fight "until the elimination of the last terrorist and the liberation of what has remained of terrorist dens."

WORLD BRIEFS

Macron and Putin to discuss Iran nuclear deal, Syria

PARIS (AP)—Having failed to persuade U.S. President Donald Trump to stay in the Iran nuclear accord, French President Emmanuel Macron is reaching out to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Macron heads to St. Petersburg on Thursday amid deep differences with Putin over Syria, Ukraine and alleged Russian meddling abroad. But both men want to salvage the Iranian nuclear deal. Macron's aides insist he is not cozying up to Putin, or seeking to pivot away from France's longstanding alliance with the U.S. Rather, they say Macron wants to keep a dialogue open to help solve world crises. And the Iran issue marks the first time that Russia, France and Germany agree on such a major matter in years. Macron and Putin will also discuss economic ties despite sanctions over Russia's annexation of Crimea.

Syria state-run media reports US-led airstrike on army posts

BEIRUT (AP)—A Syrian government-run media outlet reported early Thursday that U.S.-led coalition airstrikes hit Syrian army positions in eastern Syria near the front lines with the Islamic State group. The Central Military Media said the strikes targeted positions between Boukamal and Hmeimeh in the Deir el-Zour province and reported material damage, but there were no further details. In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman, Marine Maj. Adrian Rankine-Galloway, said: "We have no information to substantiate those reports." A war monitor, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, reported two waves of U.S.-led missile attacks early Thursday it said targeted areas controlled by IS east of the Euphrates River. If confirmed, the attacks would be the first by the U.S. on Syrian army positions since April, when the U.S., Britain and France bombed government facilities in retaliation for a suspected gas attack blamed on Syria's government.

Train plows into truck stopped on tracks in Italy; 2 dead

ROME (AP)—A regional train plowed into a big-rig truck stopped on the tracks outside the northern Italian city of Turin late Wednesday, killing at least two people and injuring 18, authorities said. Rescuers worked through the night to make sure no passengers were trapped in the wreckage. The Italian news agency ANSA said the first fatality was the engineer of the train, which smashed into the truck near the town of Caluso at 11:20 p.m., about 50 minutes after the train began its run from Turin to the suburb of Ivrea. Later, one of two critically injured people who were flown by helicopter to a hospital died, ANSA said. One of the less seriously injured was reported to be a crew member, while the others were passengers. Ambulance dispatches said a total of 18 people were injured, most of them not critically. The truck driver escaped injury, ANSA said. The rig, which carried Lithuania license plates, was headed to a warehouse not far away, ANSA said. The truck's cargo wasn't immediately known.

Cyclone Mekunu pounds Yemen island on its path to Oman

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—The Yemeni island of Socotra has been pounded by Cyclone Mekunu, which is on a path to strike Oman this weekend. India's Meteorological Department said in a bulletin Thursday morning that the storm was some 190 kilometers, or 118 miles, east-northeast of Socotra Island. The department said the storm, now described as "very severe," was some 475 kilometers —about 295 miles — off the coast of Salalah, one of Oman's biggest cities. There was no immediate word from Socotra. The island, listed by UNESCO as a world natural heritage site, has been the focus of a dispute between the United Arab Emirates and Yemen's internationally recognized government amid that country's war. Saudi troops recently deployed there. Meteorologists anticipate the storm making landfall near Salalah and neighboring Yemen on Saturday morning.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-008-I8

PROCUREMENT/DELIVERY/INSTALLATION OF TWELVE (12) DIGITAL BENCH SCALES WITH DIGITAL DESTOP WEIGHT INDICATORS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the procurement, delivery, and installation of 12 bench scales for the Saipan International Airport. The proposal package is available beginning May 04, 2018 at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement/Delivery/Installation of twelve (12) Bench Scales (RFP-008-18). One (1) original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than ***4:00 p.m. Local Time, June 01, 2018****, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened.*

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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EDWARD B. MENDIOLA *DATE*
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: CPA-RFP-009-18

Date of Issuance: **May 7, 2018**
Pre-proposal Conference: **May 18, 2018 (2:00 p.m.)**
Questions & Clarifications Due Date **May 25, 2018**
Proposal Due Date: **May 31, 2018 (2:00 p.m.)**

TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR UNDERWATER INSPECTION, SURVEY & INVESTIGATION BAKER & CHARLIE DOCK, PORT OF SAIPAN, PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-009-18

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (Authority) is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal (the "RFP"), and other contract provisions, for proposals from engineering consulting firms interested in Underwater Inspection and Survey services to assist the Authority implementation of corrosion preventive maintenance and other related projects. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluate by cost alone (NMIAC §40-50-225(a)).

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIC"). Title 40, including chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The RFP Package is available beginning May 07, 2018 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal to provide professional services for underwater inspection, survey and investigation (RFP-009-18). One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **2:00 p.m. Local Time, May 31, 2018**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted if sufficient justification exist that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY.

EDWARD B. MENDIOLA *Date*
Acting Executive Director

Off The Wall

Legend of the Loch Ness monster will be tested with DNA samples

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—The stories seem as tall as the lake is deep. For hundreds of years, visitors to Scotland's Loch Ness have described seeing a monster that some believe lurks in the depths.

But now the legend of "Nessie" may have no place left to hide. A New Zealand scientist is leading an international team to the lake next month, where they will take samples of the murky waters and conduct DNA tests to determine what species live there.

University of Otago professor Neil Gemmell says he's no believer in Nessie, but he wants to take people on an adventure and communicate some science along the way. Besides, he says, his kids think it's one of the coolest things he's ever done.

One of the more far-fetched theories is that Nessie is a long-necked plesiosaur that somehow survived the period when dinosaurs became extinct. Another theory is that the monster is actually a sturgeon or giant catfish. Many believe the sightings are hoaxes or can be explained by floating logs or strong winds.

Gemmell said that when creatures move about in water, they leave behind tiny fragments of DNA. It comes from their skin, feathers, scales and urine.

This is an undated file photo of a shadowy shape that some people say is a photo of the Loch Ness monster in Scotland. AP

He said his team will take 300 samples of water from different points around the lake and at different depths. They will filter the organic material and extract the DNA, he said, sequencing it by using technology originally created for the human genome project.

He said the DNA results will then be compared against a database of known species. He said they should have answers by the end of the year.

"I'm going into this thinking it's unlikely there is a monster, but I want to test that hypothesis," Gemmell said. "What we'll get is a really nice survey of the biodiversity of the Loch Ness."

He said the real discoveries may come in determining things like the prevalence of invasive species.

Gemmell, 51, said he first visited Loch Ness in his late 20s while on vacation. Like thousands of tourists before him, he gazed out over the lake trying to catch sight of a monster. He said he first came up with the idea of testing DNA from the lake a couple of years ago and it resonated with many, including his children, aged 7 and 10.

Graeme Matheson, chief of the Scottish Society of New Zealand, said he, too, has visited Loch Ness and gazed out over the water, and that he wishes Gemmell all the best.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

City looks for answers after zombie alert sent to residents

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP)—Officials say they still don't know who sent a "zombie alert" to residents of a Florida city following a power outage. Lake Worth spokesman Ben Kerr says an independent investigation is underway to determine who was behind the message sent to some 7,880 customers during a 27-minute power outage Sunday.

During the city's own investigation, Kerr says officials determined that no current or former employees edited the pre-prepared message to include the warning of a zombie invasion. He tells the Palm Beach Post that "no one was fired for it." Kerr said a hacking issue came up during Hurricane Irma last September. But that issue was dealt with quickly. He added that officials thought they got to all the messages, "but it turns out there was one hiding in the system."

Grocery sees dirty word in 'summa cum laude,' censors cake

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—A South Carolina woman isn't happy a grocery store censored her honor graduate son's cake, which was supposed to include the Latin phrase "Summa Cum Laude." Cara Koscinski told The Washington Post a cake online from Publix that was supposed to say "Congrats Jacob! Summa Cum Laude class of 2018." She says the online message box did not like the word "cum," the Latin word for "with." The computer marked it as a naughty word and substituted three hyphens. Koscinski said she then filled in a box for special instructions, explaining the Latin word and placed the $70 order. Another family member picked up the cake, not knowing what it was supposed to say. It came with the hyphens. She says the store gave her a refund and a gift card when she complained.

Laurel, Yanny or ... covfefe? White House joins in on debate

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House is joining in on the viral debate over whether people hear the names "Laurel" or "Yanny" in a much-shared audio clip. The White House on Thursday released a video featuring various members of the staff weighing in. Senior adviser Ivanka Trump says, "So clearly Laurel." Strategic-communications director Mercedes Schlapp says, "Yanny's the winner, Laurel's the loser." White House counselor Kellyanne Conway pokes fun at her endless willingness to spin and bend the truth for the president, saying, "It's Laurel. But I could deflect and divert to Yanny if you need me to." Vice President Mike Pence wants to know: "Who's Yanny?" The video ends with President Donald Trump deadpanning, "I hear covfefe"—a reference to a botched tweet he wrote

Science & Technology

Cut back on phone habit

NEW YORK (AP)—Why are we checking Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, then Facebook again when we just wanted to check the weather?

Turns out, smartphone addiction is by design. Think of the constant stream of notifications, color schemes in apps and all the "likes," followers and in-game trophies. Our phones and apps are designed to give us short-term, feel-good rewards, so we'll use them longer—at the expense of reading, enjoying the moment or simply being bored.

Some companies are relenting in response to concerns from customers and experts. Google's next operating system , for instance, will come with a "wind down" mode; the screen will automatically fade to grey at a designated time before bed. Another feature will automatically put your phone in "do not disturb" mode if you flip it face down on a table.

But most Android phones won't get this system, Android P, until late this year or even next year, if at all. And it's unclear if Apple plans similar features for the iPhone.

So, for now, here's how you can outsmart the smartphone yourself:

A volunteer uses a cell phone to scan the QR code of a voter's card outside a polling station during the presidential election in La Victoria, Venezuela, Sunday, May 20, 2018. AP

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

Notice those red dots on iPhones and Samsung phones showing how many unread messages, news items or app updates you have left to read? Of course, you have.

"Red is a trigger color that instantly draws our attention," notes The Center for Humane Technology , an organization that promotes a healthier, less dependent relationship to technology.

Other Android phones running the most recent version, Oreo, have smaller dots. There are no numbers, and colors are more subtle, but the concept is the same: to lure you into opening the app.

To foil that on iPhones and most recent Android phones, go to your phone's settings and turn off the dots, known as badges, for all but the handful of apps you care most about. These might be messaging apps you use with friends, or news services you want breaking-news alerts from. But do you really need a red dot for the 2,346 unread emails you have?

You can also turn off push notifications, app by app.

With Facebook, you'll need to go to the app's own settings to turn off the dozens of notification categories, such as "updates on your friends since you last logged in." Turning a category off will turn off dots for that category, too.

DETOX REGULARLY

It can be as simple as going to the bathroom without your phone or turning it off during meal times or even every Saturday. Leaving your phone behind helps your brain reset.

If you need a prompt on just why you should "detox," try Moment, an app that automatically tracks how much you use your iPhone or iPad each day. It's not perfect, as the timer runs anytime your screen is unlocked, even if you've stepped away. Still, the results will probably surprise you. For Android, there's an app called QualityTime.

SET A SCHEDULE

Nir Eyal, author of "Hooked: How to Build Habit-Forming Products," compares humans to lab mice in an experiment of random rewards. Mice, it turns out, respond "most voraciously to random rewards," Eyal wrote in 2012 .

Social media apps have perfected the art of random rewards. You don't know when you'll get a friend request, or a like, or even when you'll see a new post from a friend. Cue endless check-ins and scrolling.

Set aside a specific time each day to check Facebook—or email, or instant messages. Then resist the urge until the next scheduled time.

Along those lines, try deleting the Facebook app from your phone and check only from a computer. This could help reduce the temptation to check all day.

TURN OFF AUTOPLAY

Binge-watching might be fun sometimes, but it shouldn't be standard behavior. Services like YouTube and Netflix often play the next video automatically. Turn that off in the settings. Otherwise, it's easy to forget where time went in the middle of a "Stranger Things" binge.

GET AN ALARM CLOCK

There was a time not too long ago when we were able to wake up without our phones, using a magical device called an alarm clock. Get one.

The Center for Humane Technology suggests banishing phones from your bedside, if not the entire bedroom. This should make for better sleep, partly because the blue light emitted from your phone can delay your body's release of melatonin, which helps your body go to sleep at night. But perking up after a bedtime Facebook "like" or getting anxious after reading a news story can also disrupt your ZZZs.

So, put your phone a little further and who knows, you might even wake up and say good morning to your partner instead of checking your phone before you're even out of bed.

Life & Style

West Hollywood declares 'Stormy Daniels Day'

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Stormy Daniels: Freedom fighter or city icon?

The porn actress who is suing President Donald Trump was praised Wednesday as a heroine in West Hollywood, California.

About 100 people cheered and chanted "Stormy! Stormy!" as Daniels appeared outside an adult entertainment store called Chi Chi LaRue's.

Mayor John Duran officially declared it "Stormy Daniels Day" and presented her with the key to the city.

"This community has a history of standing up to bullies and speaking truth to power, and I'm so lucky to be a part of it," Daniels said.

Duran called Daniels a modern-day Lady Godiva who "has had to bear the slings and arrows of attacks not only from people all over this country, but from the most powerful person on the planet."

Daniels and her attorney are "fighting back for all of us to get our country back into our hands," said Duran.

AP

West Hollywood Mayor John Duran, left, Stormy Daniels, center, and attorney Michael Avenatti attend a ceremony for Daniels receiving a City Proclamation and Key to the City on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 in West Hollywood, Calif.

Outside the store, a mannequin was adorned with a T-shirt with pink letters reading #TeamStormy. A banner with the city's logo said "#resist."

A liberal city of 35,000 with a huge LGBT population, West Hollywood has declared itself a sanctuary city and a "safe space" for people of all nationalities and immigration status.

Its City Council has vehemently opposed what it considers to be Trump administration bigotry and discrimination. Last year, the City Council approved a resolution calling on the U.S. House of Representatives to impeach Trump.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, has starred in dozens of adult films, including one called "Sexbots: Programmed for Pleasure" and a Sleeping Beauty parody where she played Maleficent. She also has been appearing at strip clubs across the country since gaining notoriety for her ties to the president.

Daniels alleges that she had an affair with Trump in 2006 and has sued to invalidate the confidentiality agreement she signed days before the 2016 presidential election. She contends the agreement is invalid because Trump never signed it.

She's also suing Trump and his personal attorney, Michael Cohen, alleging defamation.

While Trump has denied the affair, Cohen has acknowledged paying Daniels $130,000 as part of the nondisclosure agreement.

Michael Jackson estate slams ABC TV special on his last days

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The estate of Michael Jackson is objecting to an ABC TV special on the end of the King of Pop's life, calling it a crass attempt to exploit Jackson without respect for his legacy or children.

The estate said in a statement to The Associated Press on Wednesday that "The Last Days of Michael Jackson" is not sponsored or approved by Jackson's heirs, and will most likely violate their intellectual property rights—an assertion ABC denies.

Advertising for the two-hour documentary set to air Thursday night says it will reveal new information on Jackson and focuses on his apparent decline in the run-up to his death at 50 on June 25, 2009.

"We believe the special to be another crass and unauthorized attempt to exploit the life, music and image of Michael Jackson without respect for Michael's legacy, intellectual property rights or his children," the estate's statement says.

But the network says the documentary is a legitimate work of journalism on a newsworthy subect.

"ABC News' documentary explores the life, career and legacy of Michael Jackson, who remains of great interest to people worldwide," ABC said in a statement.

The estate said ABC was using a copyrighted silhouette and photo to promote the special, but it stopped after demands from Jackson attorneys. The estate expects other intellectual property will be used without permission, including music, photos and artwork.

"It is particularly disheartening that Disney, a company known to strongly believe in protecting its own IP rights, would choose to ignore these rights belonging to the Estate," the statement said. ABC is owned by Disney.

ABC responded that the "program does not infringe on his estate's rights, but as a courtesy, we removed a specific image from the promotional material."

An autopsy determined that Jackson died of acute propofol intoxication. The superstar had been taking the prescription anesthetic as a sleep aid during preparations for a series of comeback concerts called "This Is It."

Former cardiologist Conrad Murray was convicted in 2011 of involuntary manslaughter for giving Jackson a fatal dose of the drug. He served two years in jail for causing Jackson's death. Murray's conviction was upheld in 2014.

Lawyer: Harvey Weinstein targeted by federal prosecutors

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harvey Weinstein's lawyer said in a court filing that federal prosecutors in New York have launched a criminal investigation into the film producer, in addition to a previously disclosed probe by the Manhattan District Attorney.

Attorney Benjamin Brafman said in a declaration filed on May 3 in the Weinstein Co.'s bankruptcy proceedings that he had been advised that Weinstein was a "principal target" of an investigation being conducted by the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan.

"I am trying my very best to persuade both the federal and state prosecutors that he should not be arrested and or indicted, because he did not knowingly violate the law," Brafman wrote. He said the allegations that Weinstein forced himself on women were "entirely without merit."

"As the court can appreciate, saving someone from unwarranted criminal prosecution is far more significant that having a baseless prosecution implode months or years from now after Mr. Weinstein's life and the lives of his family have been irreparably destroyed," he added.

Scores of women have accused Weinstein of sexual misconduct ranging from inappropriate comments to rape. Weinstein is under criminal investigation in Manhattan, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles and London. He has not been charged with any crimes, though police in New York have said publicly that they believe there is enough evidence to make an arrest.

Two law enforcement officials confirmed that Weinstein has been under federal investigation. The officials were not authorized to speak to The Associated Press and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Brafman did not immediately return a message from the AP on Wednesday but told The Wall Street Journal that he had met with federal prosecutors "in an attempt to dissuade them from proceeding."

Sex crimes, aside from child pornography cases, are usually handled by local prosecutors under state law, but federal charges can be brought under certain circumstances if a person brings a victim across state lines for the purpose of a sexual assault or the attack happens on federal lands.

In the bankruptcy case, Brafman sought access to emails and correspondence under the control of the Weinstein Co. to help him in his defense efforts.

In taking on 'Solo,' Ehrenreich faced an unenviable task

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Thandie Newton jokes that there might be something off about Alden Ehrenreich—because how else could he take on the pressure-filled role of Han Solo with so much ease?

"Every week, I was expecting a call that Alden had had a nervous breakdown and wouldn't be coming to work on Monday," Newton, who plays the tough thief Val in "Solo: A Star Wars Story," joked during a recent interview. "I actually think there's something wrong with him, probably like physically and mentally wrong with him that he was able to sustain this."

Kidding aside, Ehrenreich was saddled with a burden few actors would want to take on—having to play an iconic character whose identity is tied to a legendary actor in a storied franchise.

"Well, it takes a lot of guts," said Ron Howard, the director of "Solo: A Star Wars Story. "And I was kind of close to something similar many years ago. I directed Michael Keaton in a couple of movies and suddenly he had this chance through his friend Tim Burton to be Batman. And he took the gamble and he said yes. And at the time, people were just outraged. They just couldn't possibly imagine him being a good Bruce Wayne. And of course he did a great job and had great success with it. Alden I think just approached it with a kind of calm professionalism. He's a young guy but he's got that sort of maturity and he's also very creative."

"Solo: A Star Wars Story" tells the backstory of the character that Harrison Ford played over a span of several decades, most recently in 2015 in "Star Wars: A Force Awakens." Not only did he have to make Han Solo his own, he had to do it while switching directors midway through after Lucasfilm fired the original filmmakers and replaced them with Ron Howard.

This is Ehrenreich's biggest and highest profile role by far—he's appeared in flims including "Hail, Caesar!" and "Beautiful Creatures," but in many ways is a new face to many moviegoers.

Ehrenreich said stepping into Harrison Ford's shoes to play the wisecracking space smuggler posed a unique challenge that wasn't the same as multiple actors playing a version of a superhero like Batman.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus to receive Mark Twain Prize

WASHINGTON (AP)—Julia Louis-Dreyfus is being honored with the Kennedy Center's Mark Twain Prize for a lifetime in comedy.

The veteran actress and comedian will be the 21st recipient of the Twain prize. The Kennedy Center announced her selection Wednesday and she will be celebrated at a gala event on October 31.

Louis-Dreyfus

Louis-Dreyfus started as a cast member on Saturday Night Live and went on to create a pair of iconic and long-running television characters: Elaine Benes on "Seinfeld" and Vice-President Selina Meyer on "Veep."

She has earned 11 Emmy awards, including a record-setting six consecutive Emmys.

Previous recipients of the Twain prize include Lily Tomlin, Steve Martin, George Carlin, Tina Fey, Bill Murray and Carol Burnett. Bill Cosby received the award in 2009 but it was rescinded earlier this year.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

'Good Morning America' to expand; 'The Chew' canceled

NEW YORK (AP)—ABC's "Good Morning America" is expanding to a third hour—and swallowing "The Chew" to make room. The network said Wednesday the new third hour will air at 1 p.m. Eastern, which is often the spot for the cooking show. "GMA" starts at 7 a.m. "The Chew" has aired for seven seasons. ABC didn't reveal when the third hour of "GMA" will begin, but said "The Chew" episodes will air as planned until September. Says Ben Sherwood, president of Disney/ABC Television: "We believe there is great opportunity for viewers and advertisers in expanding to a third hour."

Deadliest Catch' star pleads guilty to misdemeanor assault

SEATTLE (AP)—Celebrity crab-boat captain Sig Hansen has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge that he spat on an Uber driver last year in Seattle. The Seattle Times reports the 52-year-old "Deadliest Catch" star pleaded guilty Wednesday. Under the plea deal, a property destruction charge was dismissed. Prosecutors also recommended the assault conviction be dropped and the case dismissed if Hansen complies with court conditions for a year. But Judge Edward McKenna wasn't ready to agree with that recommendation. He postponed sentencing and ordered Hansen to undergo a new alcohol evaluation. Hansen, who lives north of Seattle, was accused in May 2017 of spitting on the driver and denting his car after learning he couldn't pay cash for his family's ride home. He left the courtroom without commenting to reporters.

Solo' shows off young Chewie, from a veteran Wookiee actor

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Solo: A Star Wars" story doesn't just introduce audiences to a new actor playing Han Solo, it shows his sidekick Chewbacca in ways he hasn't been seen in previous "Star Wars" films.

Chewbacca actor Joonas Suotamo said the differences surprised "Solo" star Alden Ehrenreich. The film depicts the characters' first meeting, long before they become heroes of the Rebellion shown in the original "Star Wars" trilogy.

"It was actually a long time before Alden saw me in that very traditional Chewbacca (look). Because when we meet, Chewie doesn't really look like the Chewie that you've known and expect. It took a while," Suotamo said.

Suotamo was actually among the veteran "Star Wars" cast members on the "Solo" set—he first appeared as the famed Wookiee in "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." He plays him as a relatively young 190 years old in "Solo."

AP

In this May 15, 2018 file photo, Finnish actor Joonas Suotamo, left, poses with a person wearing a Chewbacca costume during a photo call for the film "Solo: A Star Wars Story"at the 71st international film festival, Cannes, southern France.

The film, out Friday, stars Donald Glover, Emilia Clarke, Thandie Newton, Woody Harrelson, Phoebe Waller-Bridge and Paul Bettany in their first "Star Wars" roles

At the film's international premiere at the Cannes Film Festival last week, Suotamo was clearly enjoying himself, snapping selfies with a person in a Chewbacca costume and beaming in photos shot with castmates atop the festival's iconic red stairs.

Chewbacca actor Joonas Suotamo discusses surprising Alden Ehrenreich with his approach and what he learned from Peter Mayhew. (May 18)

Suotamo, a former Finnish basketball player who is 6-foot-10, said original Chewie actor Peter Mayhew helped him through a Wookiee "boot camp" to learn movements and sounds. He admires Mayhew's approach to "Star Wars" fame.

"I think Peter's outlook to that has always been to live your own life—not be bothered and not think too much about what others are thinking. That's a great thing," he said. "He has done so much good for 'Star Wars' by being dedicated his life to this franchise and these stories. We are indebted to him as much as anyone."

He also got some unexpected attention from director Ron Howard, who could empathize with Suotamo's limitations while in costume.

"When he was shooting 'Grinch' with Jim Carrey, for one day he dressed in a Grinch costume and directed the film," Suotamo said. "I think he did that just to know what it feels like to be in a suit. So he was very aware of my limitations and what I was going for every day when I was in the suit."

Danica Patrick to host ESPYS in July

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Danica Patrick has lined up her first post-retirement gig: hosting The ESPYS.

She will preside over the show honoring the past year's top athletes and moments in sports on July 18. The show airs live on ABC from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

Patrick is set to retire from auto racing after competing in Sunday's Indianapolis 500, where her fourth-place finish in 2005 is the highest by a woman.

She will be the first woman to host the show. Previous hosts include LeBron James, Peyton Manning, Seth Meyers, Samuel L. Jackson, Jimmy Kimmel and Justin Timberlake.

Patrick first attended the show in 2005, and ESPN says she holds the record for most consecutive years attending (13) by any athlete. She has said she met her boyfriend, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, at the show.

The Arthur Ashe Award for Courage will be presented to the sexual abuse victims who spoke out against former USA Gymnastics and Michigan State team doctor Larry Nassar.

Minneapolis diners throw water at conservative Tomi Lahren

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Conservative commentator Tomi Lahren says she is disheartened and embarrassed but not broken after a patron threw water on her at a Minneapolis restaurant.

The Fox News contributor told the channel's "Fox & Friends" Wednesday that she was eating Sunday brunch with her parents when a group of people "thought it would be funny to throw water at" her and chant profanities.

Lahren says people don't have to like or agree with her, but that they "don't have the right to throw things" at her. She insists she is "tough" and "can handle it."

President Donald Trump tweeted in support of Lahren, calling her "a truly outstanding and respected young woman!"

Minneapolis police spokesman John Elder said Wednesday that no one has reported the incident.

Long hours, high debt doomed marriage man can't let go of

DEAR ABBY: I was divorced seven years ago. My ex-wife, "Annie," and I were married almost seven years and had what I thought was a great relationship. Then we bit off more than we could chew financially. I began working long hours to get us out of the pit, which created distance between us until divorce became inevitable. We tried working things out five years ago. It failed.

Since then, I have been in a handful of relationships that ultimately went down in flames. Three months ago, I rekindled one of those relationships, but it ended quickly because, in a moment of passion, I called her by Annie's name. I contacted Annie and shared it with her hoping for something.

A month later, I lost my mother to lymphoma and contacted Annie as a shoulder to lean on because I had no one else. She has a new fiance now, and when she told me, I was devastated.

I have started talking to someone new, and it's going well so far, but I find myself dreaming about Annie and longing for her and the good times. How do I get over her? I find myself looking at mutual friends' Facebook pictures just to get a glimpse of her.

TORN APART IN TEXAS

DEAR TORN: Stalking your ex-wife on Facebook isn't going to get you what you want. It won't win her back or help you to get on with your life. What WILL help will be to start talking with a licensed mental health professional who can help you begin to reorient your thinking and start living in the present rather than the past. Please consider it, because your emotional dependence on your ex is neither helpful for you nor productive.

DEAR ABBY: I have a pet peeve with my husband's family and am wondering if I am wrong. My in-laws often pick up a toothpick and use it while we are still seated at the dinner table. This happens even in restaurants. When they dine in my home, they leave their used toothpicks lying around. It's disgusting.

My mother-in-law is now starting to floss her teeth in public. I believe these activities should be done in private. Is there any written protocol about the use of toothpicks? I know my mother-in-law reads your column, and I'm hoping she won't miss this.

"PICKED" OFF

DEAR "PICKED": I agree that good manners dictate oral hygiene should be attended to away from the dinner table, and so does Emily Post. In Emily Post's "Etiquette" (18th edition), she writes, "Toothpicks should be used in private, not as you walk out of the restaurant or, worse still, at the table." The same is true of flossing, in order to avoid having one's dental detritus land on the table or, worse, on a dinner companion.

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DEAR ABBY

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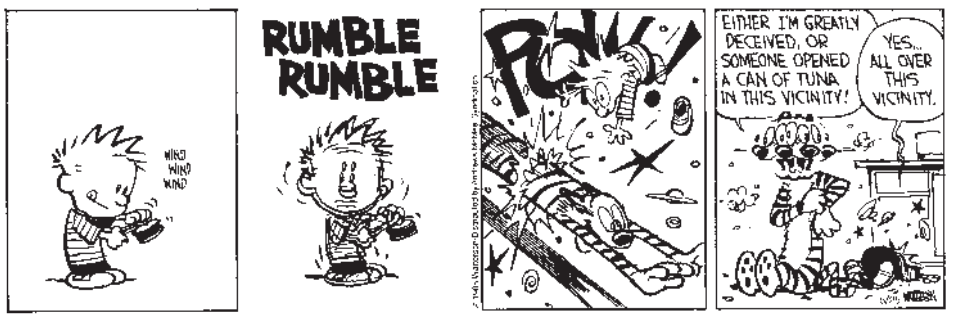
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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POW!
EITHER I'M GREATLY DECEIVED, OR SOMEONE OPENED A CAN OF TUNA IN THIS VICINITY!
YES... ALL OVER THIS VICINITY.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

THEY SAY LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO 'ROUND
SO WITHOUT IT, THE WORLD WOULD STOP AND WE WOULD FLY OFF AND BE KILLED?!
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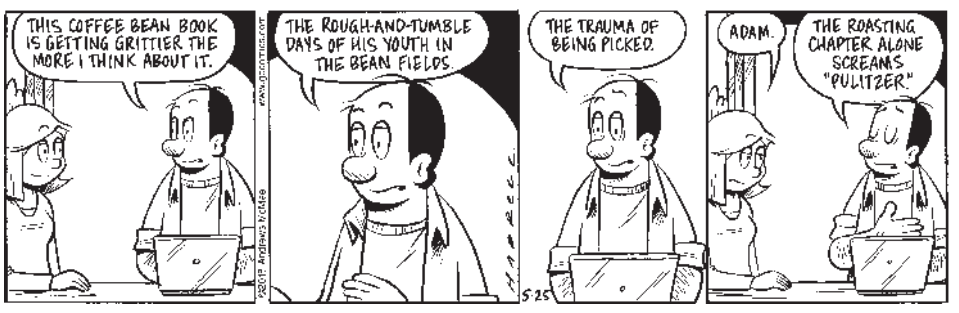
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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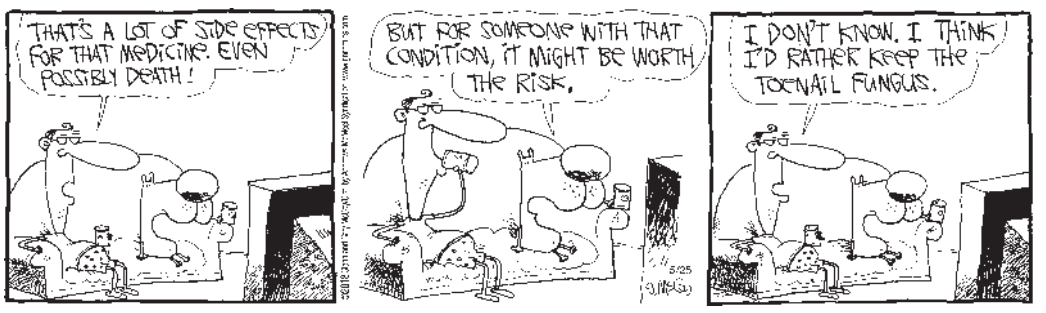
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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BUT FOR SOMEONE WITH THAT CONDITION, IT MIGHT BE WORTH THE RISK.
I DON'T KNOW. I THINK I'D RATHER KEEP THE TOENAIL FUNGUS.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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4 Actor Clive
8 Milne bruin
12 401(k) alternative
13 Sunup
14 — Stanley Gardner
15 Scouts' festival
17 Growl
18 Melodies
19 Catcher's gear
20 Southern side dish
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24 Indy event
25 Like unkempt hair
29 Mouths (Lat.)
30 Main
31 Carnival city
32 DNA source
34 Comic Roseanne
35 Deer little one?
36 Former larvae
37 Squabbles
40 The Emerald Isle
41 Angelic light
42 Copier problem
46 Culture medium
47 Laugh-a-minute
48 "Eureka!"
49 Refuses to
50 "Frozen" snow queen
51 Blend

DOWN
1 G-K connection
2 Altar constellation
3 Kingston resident
4 Stinks
5 Armed conflicts
6 Ram's mate
7 SSW opposite
8 Pirate costume part
9 "Yes —?"
10 Royal Norwegian name
11 Roll call reply
16 Take the bait
19 Tennis great Steffi
20 Pirate's drink
21 Exceptional
22 Offspring
23 Pitcher Hershiser
25 Broadway offering
26 Fruity toast topping
27 Turkish money
28 Days gone by
30 IRS employees
33 Attempt
34 Duelist Aaron
36 Michelangelo masterpiece
37 Spring meltdown
38 "Othello" villain
39 Custard recipe
40 Heroic verse
42 Opposite of "post-"
43 Have the flu
44 Sashimi fish
45 Upper limit

Solution time: 25 mins.

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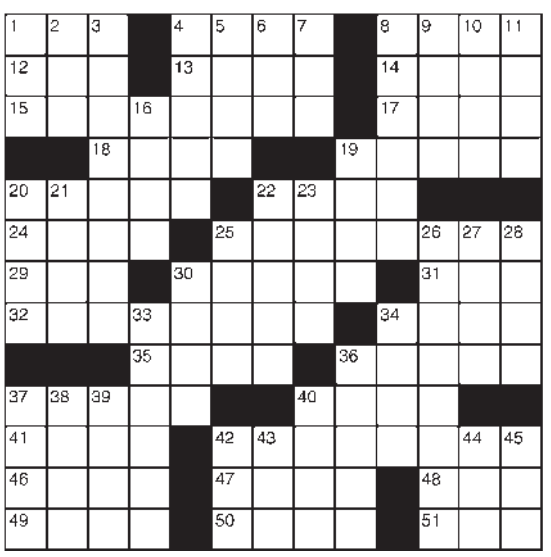
Yesterday's answer 5-25



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Aly Raisman, 24; Demetri Martin, 45; Octavia Spencer, 46; Mike Myers, 55.

Happy Birthday: Make your move. Put your plans into motion. Stop procrastinating and letting situations weigh you down and hold you back. Action is required if you want to get things done. Learn from experience, and use your skills to your benefit instead of helping someone who continually takes without giving. Don't live in the past. Make changes that count. Your numbers are 3, 14, 21, 23, 30, 38, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Do what you can to help out, but don't take on responsibilities you don't have time for because someone is pressuring you. Know your strengths and weaknesses before you participate in a joint endeavor. Avoid emotional manipulation. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Snap decisions will lead to regret. Gauge a personal situation before you jump in and take a risk. Someone is likely to disappoint you if you assume you have his or her support. Work alone, and do what needs to be done. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Put more energy into perfecting your skills and looking for a new way to put them to good use. If you branch out, you'll discover you have more options than you realize. A youngster will offer insight through an innocent remark. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Open up about what you want. The best way to resolve an emotional issue is to discuss your feelings and offer suggestions. Working with the people you deal with daily is your best alternative. Personal improvements are favored. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Productivity will lead to praise and good fortune. Being excessive will lead to loss and added stress. You can put in the time and do things right, or you can choose to overspend and hire an outsider. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Information will change the way you think and what you do next. Listen to an expert and apply the knowledge you receive to what's going on in your personal life and your relationships with others. You will make better choices. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Control your emotions when dealing with personal financial matters. Mixing sentimentality with money will put you in a vulnerable position if someone is asking for a favor or when you or your partner are mismanaging joint assets. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Take a different approach to personal relationships or dealing with children, older relatives or someone trying to put demands on you. Anger will not solve anything, but a plan that offers an incentive will lead to success. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Use diplomacy and charm when dealing with sensitive issues; you will find a way to get what you want. Good results will unfold if you offer assistance or suggestions that will deter someone from not living up to a promise. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Be careful what you wish for. A change you want to make should be considered carefully. Without proper preparation, you will fall short of your goal. Discuss your plans with someone you love; you'll receive the help you need. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Update your surroundings, host a social event or look for alternative living arrangements that better suit your family's needs. However, don't raise your overhead when you should be trying to lower it. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Indulge yourself. Relax, go to the spa or make changes that will improve your appearance, surroundings or personal life. Love and romance are highlighted and will bring about positive changes to the way you live. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are aggressive, ambitious and productive. You are helpful and resourceful.

(To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit Eugenialast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.)

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/25

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/21

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

MILO VENTIMIGLIA — Solution: 8 letters

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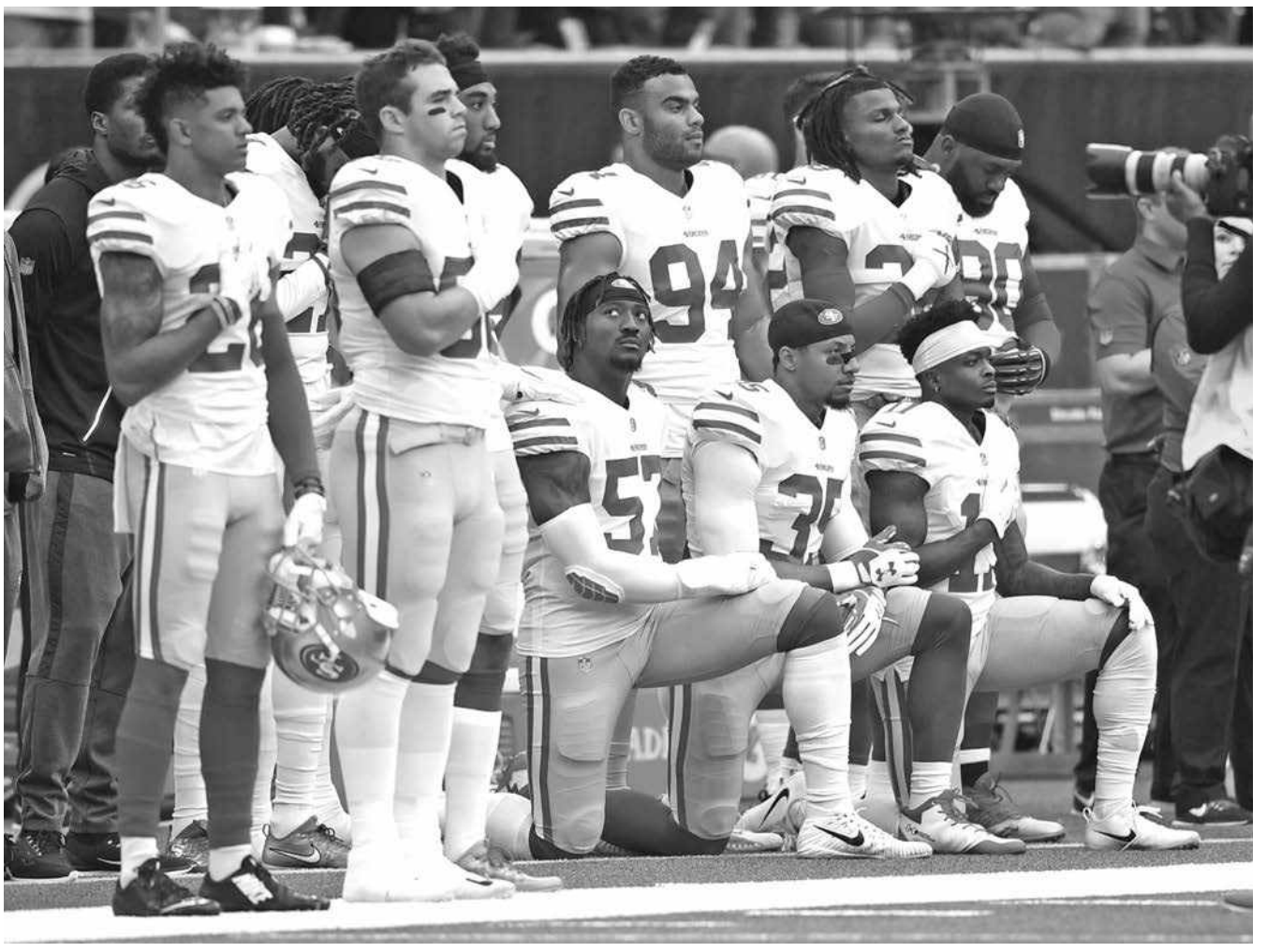
Stand or stay out of sight: NFL takes on anthem protesters



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In this Dec. 10, 2017, file photo, San Francisco 49ers San Francisco 49ers' Eli Harold (57), Eric Reid (35), and Marquise Goodwin (11) kneel during the national anthem before an NFL football game against the Houston Texans, in Houston.

ATLANTA (AP)—Stand or stay out of sight.

Looking to quell a national debate that was sparked by Colin Kaepernick, stoked by President Trump and some say chipped away at the very popularity of America's game, NFL owners approved a new policy Wednesday that allows players to protest during the national anthem by staying in the locker room but forbids them from sitting or taking a knee if they're on the field.

Commissioner Roger Goodell called it a compromise aimed at putting the focus back on football after a tumultuous year in which television ratings dipped nearly 10 percent. He said it was unanimously approved by NFL owners, but that was immediately called into question when the head of the San Francisco 49ers—Kaepernick's former team, no less—said he abstained from the vote. The owner of the New York Jets also took a more conciliatory approach, promising not to punish any player who continues to protest against social injustice in full view of fans.

The players' union said it wasn't consulted in the talks and would file a grievance against any change in the collective bargaining agreement. The owners seemed to address that concern by saying only teams would be fined for violations, not individual players. But the league also cleared the way for teams to set their own workplace policies, raising the specter of an even more convoluted approach to an issue that has dominated conversation away from the field.

The head of the NFL Players Association, DeMaurice Smith , angrily denounced the new policy and called it a blow against America's most basic of rights—freedom of speech. Since the new policy is a change in the terms and conditions of employment that was not collectively bargained, any attempts to fine individual players would surely be opposed by the union.

"Management has chosen to quash the same freedom of speech that protects someone who wants to salute the flag in an effort to prevent someone who does not wish to do so," Smith wrote on Twitter. "I know that not all of the NFL CEO's are for this and I know that true American patriots are not cheering today."

So, what happens to a player who decides to keep kneeling during "The Star-Spangled Banner?" Considering Kaepernick is heading into his second year without a job and a former teammate and fellow protester, Eric Reid, is also out of work, it seemed to clear to at least one player what message the NFL was trying to send.

"If the team says `this is what we're doing,' and ownership (does too), you either deal with it or you're probably going to get cut," Pittsburgh Steelers guard Ramon Foster said. "They'll find a way to get you up out of there."

Arizona Cardinals safety Antoine Bethea, who has been in the league for a dozen years, scoffed at Goodell's notion that this was a step toward appeasing all sides.

"If you want to use your right of freedom of speech and take a knee, you're going to get fined," Bethea said. "So it's really not a compromise. But they did give us the option as far as guys wanting to stay in the locker room. It's going to be something guys are going to have to deal with. Either it's going to be a team thing and everybody stays in the locker room or everybody goes out and stands."

49ers CEO Jed York said every owner who voted was in agreement with the new policy, but he abstained because he wasn't comfortable with a process that didn't directly involve the players. He wouldn't say if any other owners declined to vote.

"I want to work with my team to make sure everything we do is about promoting the right types of social justice reform and getting to a better America," York said.

Jet owner Christopher Johnson said his team will pay any fines doled out by the league, without passing on punishment to the players.

"I will support our players wherever we land as a team," Johnson said. "Our focus is not on imposing any club rules, fines or restrictions."

Clearly, Goodell and most owners just want to put the divisive issue behind them.

Verlander gets some run support as Astros top Giants

HOUSTON (AP)—Justin Verlander got some run support for the first time in nearly a month and led the Houston Astros over the San Francisco Giants 4-1 on Wednesday.

Verlander (6-2) struck out nine and walked one in six innings, allowing one run and three hits as his major league-leading ERA rose slightly to 1.08. He had given up just three runs over 29 innings during his previous four starts, but the Astros had scored just three runs in that span, getting shut out twice.

Ken Giles pitched the ninth to remain perfect in nine save chances.

George Springer hit a tie-breaking, two-run homer in the fifth on a 93 mph fastball from Jeff Samardzija (1-3), driving the ball off the facade above the left-field seats. Carlos Correa added an RBI single later in the inning.

Indians 1, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Adam Plutko carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning and Andrew Miller provided stellar relief work, helping Cleveland beat Chicago.

Plutko (2-0) struck out four and walked four in his second major league start. The right-hander was promoted from Triple-A Columbus to replace the struggling Josh Tomlin in Cleveland's rotation.

Rangers 12, Yankees 10

In Arlington, Jurickson Profar had a bases-clearing double to put Texas ahead to stay in a wild, series-clinching win over New York, which matched a major league record with four more homers.

Gleyber Torres became the youngest Yankee ever to homer in three consecutive games and Aaron Judge hit a 471-foot blast as New York became only the third team in major league history with 21 homers in a five-game stretch.

Brewers 9, Diamondbacks 2

In Milwaukee, Travis Shaw hit a three-run homer and Jesus Aguilar had a go-ahead, two-run single during a seven-run fourth inning to help Milwaukee send Arizona to its seventh straight loss.

Brent Suter (4-3) allowed two runs and four hits in 5 2/3 innings as the NL Central-leading Brewers moved a season-high 12 games over .500.

Phillies 4, Braves 0

In Philadelphia, Jake Arrieta (4-2) struck out seven in 6 2/3 sharp innings, Carlos Santana's swinging-bunt broke a scoreless tie and Philadelphia beat Atlanta.

The Phillies took two of three to win their first series against the NL East-leading Braves in four tries and closed to within a half-game of first place.

Marlins 2, Mets 1

In New York, J.T. Realmuto and Starlin Castro each hit an RBI single off closer Jeurys Familia in the ninth inning, and Miami rallied past New York.

Jacob deGrom dodged trouble throughout seven scoreless innings and Brandon Nimmo homered in the fifth for the Mets, who carried a slim lead into the ninth. But the Marlins broke through against Familia (2-2), who has four blown saves in 17 chances this season.

Angels 5, Blue Jays 4

In Toronto, Shohei Ohtani hit a tying two-run single in the ninth inning, Andrelton Simmons added another two-run hit and Los Angeles rallied to beat Toronto.

Toronto turned to Tyler Clippard (4-2) in the ninth to protect a 3-1 lead, but he loaded the bases with consecutive walks to Mike Trout, Justin Upton and Albert Pujols.

Royals 5, Cardinals 2, 10 inning

In St. Louis, Drew Butera had a two-run single in the 10th to lead Kansas City past St. Louis.

Butera's RBI were his first since May 2. Jon Jay followed with an RBI single as the Royals won their first series since taking three of four from Detroit May 3-6.

Red Sox 4, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, Xander Bogaerts sparked a three-run rally in the ninth inning, David Price pitched the bulk of a three-hitter and Boston won its fourth straight.

Price pitched three-hit ball over six innings, allowing a run while striking out nine. Joe Kelly (3-0) got the win and Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

Padres 3, Nationals 1

In Washington, Christian Villanueva hit a two-run double, Tyson Ross pitched into the seventh inning and San Diego salvaged the finale of a three-game series against Washington.

Ross (4-3) didn't allow a runner past second base until the seventh, struck out nine and yielded one run in 6 2/3 innings.

Pirates 5, Reds 4, 12 innings

In Cincinnati, Josh Harrison tripled in the go-ahead run off Dylan Floro (1-1) in the 12th inning -- his fourth hit of the game—and Pittsburgh rallied after wasting a late lead.

The Pirates blew a three-run lead in the eighth before rallying to end their four-game losing streak.

Tigers 4, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Michael Fulmer won for the first time in four starts, Niko Goodrum ended an 0-for-14 skid with a home run and Detroit stopped a five-game losing streak with a win over Minnesota.

Fulmer (2-3) allowed one run and four hits in 5 2/3 innings with five strikeouts, improving to 4-0 against Minnesota as he threw a season-high 112 pitches.

White Sox 11, Orioles 1

In Chicago, Dylan Covey (1-1) tossed seven strong innings for his first major league win, Yoan Moncada and Adam Engel each hit three-run homers and Chicago pounded Baltimore.

Jose Rondon added his first major league homer as last-place Chicago rolled to its fifth win in seven games. Baltimore, last in the AL East, has lost four of five overall and is 5-21 on the road.

Celtics win Game 5, push Cavaliers to the brink

BOSTON (AP)—LeBron James is tired. The young Boston Celtics seem to be getting stronger.

Rookie Jayson Tatum scored 24 points—his ninth 20-point game of the postseason—and Boston beat Cleveland 96-83 on Wednesday night to take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference finals.

The Celtics held James to two fourth-quarter points, earning their 10th straight victory in Boston to remain perfect at home this postseason and move within one win of their first trip to the NBA Finals since 2010.

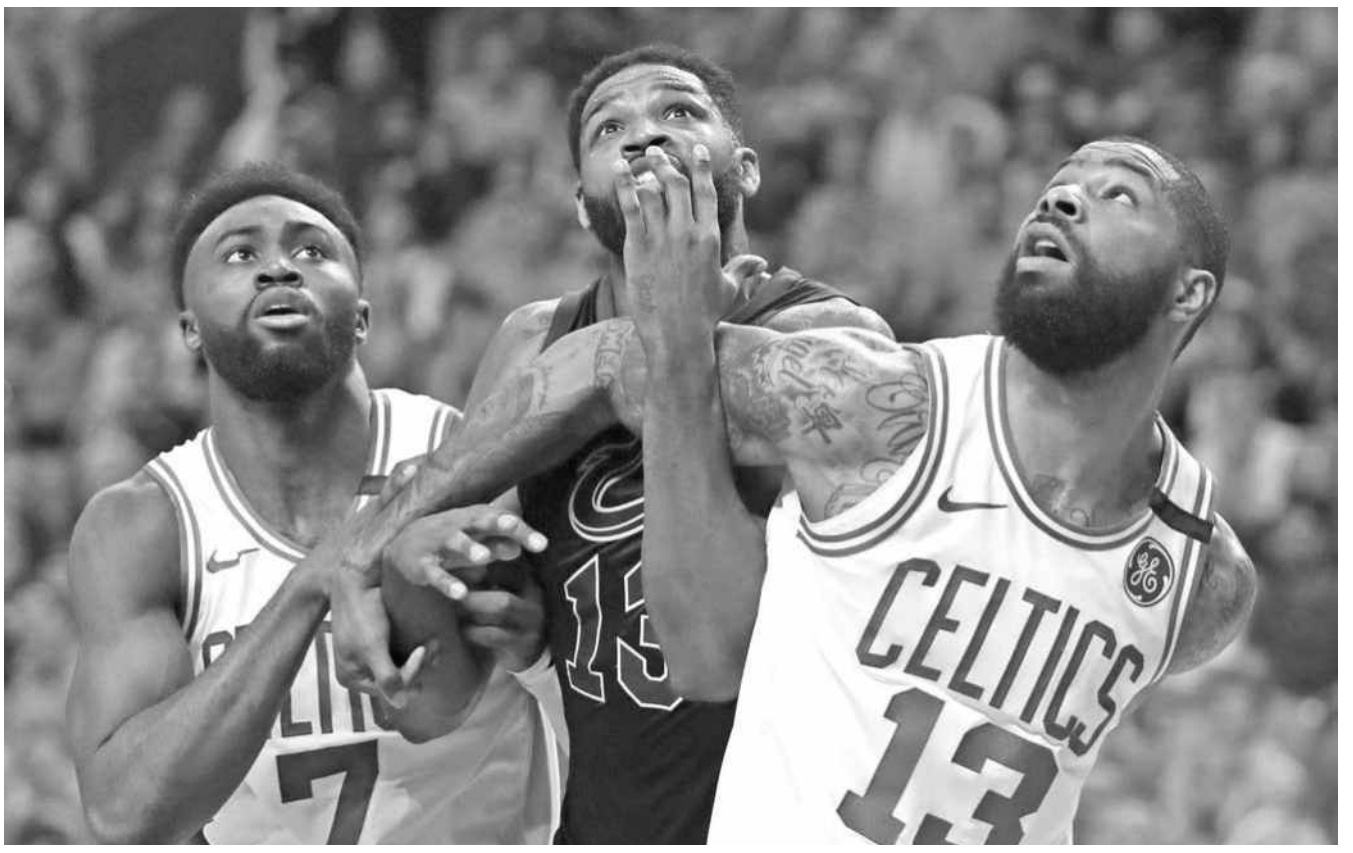
"I just enjoy playing in the big moments, in the big games. That's when I have the most fun," said Tatum, who needs one more 20-point game to tie Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's rookie record of 10 in a postseason.

"I can't say it enough: We're one win away from being in the finals," Tatum said. "The playoffs bring the best out of people."

Game 6 is in Cleveland on Friday night, with the decisive seventh game back in Boston on Sunday if necessary. The home team has won every game so far in the series, and none has been closer than nine points.

"We're looking forward to having an opportunity to force a Game 7," said James, who had 26 points and 10 rebounds but also had six turnovers. "It's up to us to see if we can come back here for one more."

Al Horford had 15 points and 12 rebounds, and 21-year-old Jaylen Brown had 17 points for Boston. Tatum added seven rebounds, four assists and four steals one day after finishing a single vote shy of a unanimous selection to the NBA's All-Rookie team.



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Cleveland Cavaliers center Tristan Thompson (13) battles for position against Boston Celtics guard Jaylen Brown (7) and forward Marcus Morris (13) during the first quarter of Game 5 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals Wednesday, May 23, 2018, in Boston.

"The sky's the limit" for Tatum , Brown said. "He's going to continue to get better. He's my workout partner. I expect it in myself and I expect it in him."

Kevin Love scored 14 points for the Cavaliers, who are trying to reach the finals for the fourth consecutive season. James has played to the end in seven straight seasons.

To extend that streak, he'll need to win two in a row.

One of them will be in Boston.

"Our focus—LeBron's focus—is to win," Cleveland coach Tyronn Lue said. "That's the only thing that matters."

The Celtics opened a double-digit lead in the first quarter and nursed it the rest of the way, holding on through a four-minute scoring drought that saw Cleveland score nine straight points to cut the deficit to 83-71. But Terry Rozier hit Horford with an alley-oop to snap the skid, and that was as close as the Cavs would get.

Reserves Marcus Morris and Marcus Smart each scored 13.

James had one basket on four shots in the fourth quarter, and afterward conceded that he was worn down. He finished 1 for 6 from 3-point range in the game; the Cavaliers made just 9 of 34 attempts from beyond the arc and shot just 42 percent overall.

"I had my moments, but I think everybody at this point is tired, worn down whatever the case may be," he said. "I was still trying to make plays, put our team in position to win."

Rockets return home, eye lead vs Warriors

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Rockets have a chance to take their first lead in the Western Conference finals with a victory over the Golden State Warriors on Thursday night.

To do that they'll need their superstars to step up again, with the pressure on James Harden and Chris Paul to deliver after their big performances in Game 3 spurred Houston to the road victory that tied the best-of-seven series at 2-2.

"We're back to even," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We know what we have to do and see if we can do it against a great team."

After two blowout losses in this series, including an embarrassing 41-point rout in Game 3, the Rockets know they don't have any time to celebrate Tuesday's win. It was a victory that snapped Golden State's NBA-record 16-game home playoff winning streak.

"We have to get down to normal sea level real quick, because we've got a lot of work left," D'Antoni said. "We know it's not going to be easy, but also they know now it's not going to be easy. We're looking forward to it ... with the right type of fear and the right type of excitement."

It's a huge opportunity for Harden and Paul, who've both had their fair share of playoff disappointments in the past, but combined to score 57 points Tuesday's 95-92 win that put the top-seeded Rockets back in the driver's seat in this series.

The 33-year-old Paul is a conference finals rookie after failing to get out of the second round in his previous nine playoff trips. Though he's never reached this level in the postseason before, his 13 years of NBA experience have proven invaluable as the Rockets try to knock off the defending champions and advance to the NBA Finals for the first time since winning consecutive titles in 1994-95.

Though the Rockets are heading to Houston for Thursday's game, they know that playing at home doesn't give them an excuse to let up.

"Both teams have the ability to win on the road," Paul said. "We had to prove that to ourselves. Weathering the storm, the runs that they made, and knowing that now we get a chance to go back home, we knew we had to get at least one win here. We got it, so now it's a three-game series."

Though the pressure to perform is heightened for Harden and Paul, Rockets players and D'Antoni agree that they can't get it done without plenty of help from Houston's supporting cast. P.J. Tucker and Clint Capela combined for 29 rebounds on Tuesday night, and in Houston's Game 2 victory the Rockets had five players score 16 or more points.

"It's a close series so without any of them you don't get there," D'Antoni said.

Rooney flying to DC to finalize MLS move

LONDON— Everton forward Wayne Rooney will break from his family holiday to travel to Washington this week to meet bosses at Major League Soccer side DC United, his spokesman confirmed on Wednesday.

Rooney has reportedly agreed "in principle" to a $17 million (£13 million) deal with the MLS club that would see the 32-year-old leave Everton, his boyhood club, just 12 months after rejoining them from Manchester United.

DC United coach Ben Olsen confirmed earlier this month that the club were interested in bringing Rooney to America but said the deal "is not done".

Sam Allardyce said before he was sacked as manager by Everton that Rooney had not asked to leave.

Allardyce and Rooney had their differences and the player's show of dissent when substituted in April's Merseyside derby resulted in clear-the-air talks between the pair.

The former England captain, who has been on holiday in Barbados, is to be accompanied on his trip to Washington by his long-time adviser Paul Stretford.

News of the visit first emerged in a report in the Washington Post and a spokesman for the player confirmed that it is to take place in the coming days.

Rooney, who first burst onto the scene aged just 16 at Everton, was the club's top scorer this season with 11 goals but last found the net on December 18.

AP

Everton's Wayne Rooney takes and misses a penalty against Brighton & Hove Albion during their English Premier League soccer match at Goodison Park in Liverpool, England, Saturday March 10, 2018.

He left United last year on a free transfer following 13 trophy-laden years after becoming a peripheral figure under Jose Mourinho.

Galaxy, Earthquakes meet in Clasico

Meanwhle, overshadowing the LA Galaxy's 1-0 win over the Montreal Impact on Monday -- ending a three-match losing streak—was veteran forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic picking up his first red card in Major League Soccer.

The Swede will thus not be eligible to play when the Galaxy host the San Jose Earthquakes on Friday in the first meeting this season of the California Clasico between the teams at the StubHub Center in Carson, Calif. He will also be forced to miss the upcoming match with FC Dallas.

Ibrahimovic was penalized for slapping Montreal winger Michael Petrasso in the back of the head after it appeared Petrasso inadvertently stepped on his foot while backing up. It was Ibrahimovic's 13th red card of his career, with his previous ejections coming with AC Milan, Inter Milan, Paris Saint-Germain, Juventus and Barcelona.

He did not get a red card while with Manchester United for 1 1/2 seasons, but he was suspended for three matches for elbowing Bournemouth's Tyrone Mings. Ibrahimovic may also be frustrated by only scoring one goal in the last seven matches after scoring twice in his Galaxy debut in the season opener.

LA, which missed the MLS playoffs last year, has also struggled with a 4-6-1 (13 points) record. San Jose is a meager 2-6-3 (nine points).

"This is what I said in the beginning, I'm looking and I am learning," Ibrahimovic said, as quoted on MLSSoccer.com. "I need to adjust and come into the system.

"I am here only for five weeks and everything is still new for me and we are 14 new players and so the coach has to work with this team. ... But, it will be good, I am positive. I have big motivation and look forward to every game because training is one thing and playing games is another thing."

The Galaxy were down to 10 players with five minutes left to play in the first half but they still managed to win with a goal by Ola Kamara—his fourth straight in as many matches—in the second half. The win was the Galaxy's first since April 14 against the Chicago Fire.

"The guys really pulled together, stayed together," Galaxy coach Sigi Schmid said. "Even when we went down a man we said just be patient, we're going to bend a little bit, they're going to have the ball, but keep defending well, deal with the crosses that they send into the box and then look for our goal."

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title game following a 6-4, 7-5 victory over South Korea's Ji Woo Choi and Min Kyo Jung. Kozaki and Leung, on the other hand, foiled the semis bid of the hosts' Coume Kaga and Malika Miyawaki after posting an emphatic 6-0, 6-0 win.

Meanwhile, in the boys doubles, two seeded teams and two unranked pairs marched into the semis after yesterday's matches.

The unseeded tandem of Ha-neul Choe and Donggyu Kim of Souht Korea pulled off the biggest upset so far in this Junior ITF tournament after ousting No. 1 seed Ryota Ishii of Japan and Jose Antonio Tria of the Philippines, 6-3, 6-2.

It will be an all-South Korean semis tiff at the top half of the draw, as Donggyu Kim and Choe will be paired against No. 4 Minsung Kim and Dong Gyu Oh, a 5-7, 6-3, 10-1 winner over Australia's Alexey Shtengelov and Mitchell Brad Smith.

Siblings Suk and Sukhee Ann are the third South Korean pairs to barge into the semis after prevailing against compatriots Hoseonh Choi and Junhyun Lee, 2-6, 6-4, 10-7, in the battle of unseeded teams. The Anns will duel No. 2 seed Guntinun Sootinun-Opart of Thailand and Hong Kong's Coleman Wong in the other Final Four match. Sootinun-Opart and Wong won over Aussies Rahul Desai and Tomi Perica, 7-5, 6-4.

In other results, Tria eliminated the CNMI's Robbie Schorr after surviving an extended game yesterday. The Philippines bet won the opening set, 6-4, but missed the sweep when Schorr fought back in the second with a similar 6-4 triumph. Then in the deciding third set, the two players went back and forth before Tria eked out a 7-6 (1) win to move into the quarterfinals, which will be played today along with the matches in the girls division.

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Game 1 of the best-of-three finals will be played tonight at 7:30pm with the unbeaten Ol'Aces, who had a 7-0 record in the regular season, favored against No. 2 670 Sonics (6-1).

The Ol'Aces stretched their winning run to nine (they got their eighth victory versus the Chalan Kanoa Ballers in the first round of the playoffs) after dominating the Genesis All-Stars right out of the gate. The Ol'Aces took a 23-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and kept pounding on the Genesis All-Stars in the remainder of the game for the lopsided win.

The Genesis All-Stars were limited to four field goals in the first quarter and though they picked up their scoring in the second, their main gunner Ken Viray seemed out of sync. Viray was held to one field goal and a pair of free throws in the first half.

While the Genesis All-Stars offense lacked luster, it was a different story for the Ol'Aces, who drew points from almost all the players they fielded in the game. Douglas Schmidt dropped 9 of his total output in the first quarter for their early double-digit lead.

Schmidt and three other Ol'Aces players ended up scoring in twin digits, while three more chipped in at least 6 markers each. Coby Santos tallied 19, Schmidt had 17, and Dean Blake and Preston Basa recorded 13 and 11, respectively.

In the second semis game, Matt Duenas picked up where he left off, as he towed the 670 Sonics to another victory.

Duenas, who had 47 points in their playoff win over the Saints last Friday, sizzled for 32 against Casino. He caught fire early, making 10 points in the first period for their 20-14 advantage. Duenas and company went on pad their lead in the ensuing quarters to ease their way to the finals.

First Game

Ol'Aces 93 — Santos 19, Schmidt 17, Blake 13, Basa 11, Rabauliman 8, Atan 8, Libuw 6, Siech 6, Deleon Guerrero 5.

Genesis All-Stars 70 — Fitial 16, Viray 13, Kintz 11, Lauron 10, Itibus 8, Lizama 5, Rangamar 3, Quan 2, Sambile 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-8, 47-22, 69-43, 93-70.

Second Game

670 Sonics 104 — M. Duenas 32, E. Duenas 14, Ngeskebei 13, Aranda 12, Rabasto 9, Ordona 9, Fidelino 6, Abobo 4, B. De Guzman 3, Rafols 3.

Casino 72 — Marinas 21, Sanguyo 18, Serrano 10, Pastolero 8, Pantaleon 6, Book 5, Sebastian4, Atencio 2.

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Top finisher MP United (8-1-0) and TanHoldings (6-2-0) got the two automatic semis slots, while No. 4 Teen Ayuyus (3-3-3) and No. 5 Okadaya (3-1-5) will dispute the third Final Four ticket, also this Sunday at 1:30pm.

TanHoldings and MP United engaged in a draw, 2-2, in the other Division A game last weekend.

Louie Calayag saved MP United's unbeaten record after scoring the equalizer in the 86th minute.

TanHoldings seemed headed for a victory and ready to hand MP United a loss in the regular scored after taking a 2-0 lead. Emmanuel Aniana and Martin Jambor scored in the 69th and 72nd minute, respectively, for TanHoldings.

Enrico del Rosario then cut the deficit to one with his shot in the 80th minute, while Calayag tied the match six minutes later.

DIVISION B U16 WNT 6, KFAS 5

The U16 Women's National Team pulled off an upset over division leader Korean Football Association on Saipan last Sunday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

The U16 WNT leaned on a strong start to take the close win and deny KFAS a clean record. KFAS finished the regular season with a 9-0-1 slate, while the U16 WNT improved to a 4-1-5 mark for fifth place in the team standings.

Angie Ito and Paulynn Joyce had two goals each for U16 WNT, while Katrina Costales added one for their 5-1 halftime lead. Oliver Lee drilled the lone goal for KFAS in the first half and went on to have a hat trick adding two more in the second in a failed attempt to recover and keep their perfect mark.

Juan Oh and Jeff Seo logged the two other goals for KFAS, while Sharmaine Francisco hit one for the U16 WNT to foil their foe's comeback bid.

Despite the loss, KFAS still got the outright semis berth, joining Matansa (6-2-2) to the Final Four. The U16 WNT, on the other hand, must beat Shirley's FC (4-1-5) this Sunday at the KES pitch to move to the next round.

Sun Palace (4-1-5) and Pacific Islands Club (0-1-9) will duel for the other semis berth this Sunday.

In other results in the division, Matansa forced Shirley's to a draw, 2-2.

Kamrul Kamrul nailed the game-tying goal in the 48th minute, while Young Ha Hwang scored the first one for Matansa in the 26th minute. Jedidah Peteru and Jun Liu posted the pair of goals for Shirley's.

Standings as of May 20, 2018

DIVISION A

Teams	MP	W	D	L	Pts	GF	GA	GD
MP United	9	8	1	0	25	40	5	35
TanHoldings	8	6	2	0	20	29	9	20
Paire	9	4	1	4	13	23	22	1
Teen Ayuyus	9	3	3	3	12	12	18	-6
Okadaya	9	3	1	5	10	11	19	-8
Winners & Pacific	8	0	2	6	2	12	28	-16
Kanoa	8	0	2	6	2	11	37	-26
DIVISION B								
KFAS	10	9	0	1	27	76	24	52
Matansa	10	6	2	2	20	49	20	29
Sun Palace	10	4	1	5	13	33	28	5
Shirley's	10	4	1	5	13	27	37	-10
U16 WNT	10	4	1	5	13	29	48	-19
PIC	10	0	9	1	0	18	74	-56

WORLD CUP 2018 PREVIEW

Favorites, underdogs, and more

(Editor's Note: Saipan Tribune will run a series of stories leading up to the World Cup 2018 that will be held from June 14 to July 15 in Russia)

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With the World Cup 2018 just around the corner, various polls are everywhere, asking who they think will hoist this year's gold trophy, while wagers have been placed to teams who are favored to rule the biggest tournament in football.

Whether it's just a simple poll or bank-breaking bet, five names are often mentioned every time the World Cup 2018 is discussed: Germany, Brazil, Spain, France, and Argentina.

The defending champion Germany had a perfect 10-0 record in the World Cup qualifier, making the team just the second squad to earn that distinction. Spain did it in 2010. Joachim Low's Germany has a solid roster with majority of the players who defeated Argentina in 2014 back to play in Russia along with some fresh leg from its Euro U-21 champion team. Oddmakers have Germany winning it all 9/2.

If there's one team that can dethrone Germany, it's Brazil—the top finisher in CONMEBOL qualification series, way ahead (10 points) of second placer Uruguay. A healthy Neymar would make the South American nation a big threat to Germany's title defense bid.

Spain has not lost since Euro 2016 under new manager Julen Lopetegui and just like Germany, the Furia Roja's roster has depth. Spain has Isco, David De Gea, David Silva, and a handful of steady defenders.

France is loaded, too with Didier Deschamps having Olivier Giroud, Thomas Lemar, Ousmane Dembele, Anthony Martial, Kante, Pogba, Griezmann, and Mbappe. These outstanding individual talents if able to work together could give France its second title.

A team with Lionel Messi on its lineup will always be a favorite. And not having won the World Cup is Messi's biggest motivation this year—which could be his last playing for the White and Sky Blue.

Argentina will be tested early, as it is in the Group of Death with Croatia, Nigeria, and Iceland (Group D).

Portugal is with Spain in Group B, making the Ronaldo-led team one of the underdogs in Russia. However, the Selecao win in Euro 2016 should serve as warning to favored teams that Portugal can beat the odds.

Uruguay and England are the other dark horses in Russia. And with no high expectations from the Three Lions, they have nothing to lose and everything to gain, leaving their opponents clueless on how England will play in every game.

Uruguay placed second to Brazil in CONMEBOL qualifier and with two of the world's best strikers on its side—Luis Suarez and Edinson Cavani— the Celeste could gate crash the party.

This year's World Cup will be without the U.S., Italy, Chile, and the Netherlands. In their place are Panama, Iceland, Saudi Arabia, and Peru, which will try to prove they belong in the big stage despite having the lowest odd of winning from both betting companies and polls.

Playing on home soil, Russia's pride is on the line and it should get past the group stage to somehow save face amid doping allegations against its players.

Russia will host the tournament that has a record prize money of $791 million—with the champion getting $38 million besides its share from the $288 spread out to the 32 competing teams in group stage up to the quarterfinals.

FAST FACTS

■ Teams in Europe have won World Cup 11 times, while the nine other titles went to South American nations.

■ Germany will try to become the first team to win back-to-back World Cup since Brazil did it in 1962.

■ Brazil has the most red cards in World Cup history with 12, followed by Argentina (10) and Uruguay (9).

■ The most goals scored in a World Cup match was 12 when Austria defeated Switzerland, 7-5, on June 26, 1854.

■ The most goals record (171) in a competition were posted in 1998 in France and 2014 in Brazil, while the least goals (145) were registered in 2010 in South Africa.

■ Among the active players, Germany's Thomas Muller has scored the most World Cup goals (10 in two tournaments). Miroslav Klose is the all-time top scorer in World Cup with his 16 goals, while France's Just Fontaine holds the record in the most goals (13) scored in a World Cup tournament.

■ Belgium qualified for the World Cup for the 13th time–the most by a European country outside the Top 5 (Germany, Spain, Italy, England, and France).

■ South Korea has the most World Cup stint among the Asian countries, joining the tournament for the 10th time. The Taegeuk Warriors first qualified in 1954 and then started their string of nine World Cup appearances in 1986.

■ Mexican Antonio Carbajal and the German Lothar Matthäus have the most World Cup appearance (5). Rafael Marquez, also of Mexico, may match that feat in Russia next month.

■ World Cup games will be played in 11 stadiums across 11 cities. Moscow is the only location with two venues– Luzhniki and Spartak.

WORLD CUP PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN

Position	Prize	Total
Group stage	$8m	$128m
Last 16	$12m	$96m
Quarterfinals	$16m	$64m
Fourth place	$22m	$22m
Third place	$24m	$24m
Runners-up	$28m	$28m
Winners	$38m	$38m

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Ol'Aces vs 670 Sonics in finals

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The title showdown in the men's division of the 2018 MIBF Island-wide Basketball League will be between the Top 2 teams after all.

Pennant champions Ol'Aces moved into the finals first following a 93-70 demolition of the Genesis All-Stars, while the 670 Sonics took the same easy route to the finale after whipping Casino, 104-72, in the second semis game last Wednesday night at the Gil-

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The Ol'Aces' Marvin Rabauliman, right, and the Genesis All-Stars' James Kintz battle for the rebound during the fourth quarter of their semis game in the MIBF island-wide caging last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Seeded players make up semis cast

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The Top 4 seeds in the girls doubles lived up to expectations, as they all made it to the semifinals of the 2018 Northern Marianas Junior Championships.

The CNMI's Carol Lee and Hong Kong's Wing Ka Lin, who are ranked No. 1 in the 10-team field, marched into the Final Four after sweeping the Japanese pair of Yuina Igarashi and Sakura Kurokawa, 6-0, 6-4, yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan hard courts.

The favored Lee and Lin will face No. 3 Manami Ukita and Ai Yamaguchi today for the finals berth at the upper half of the draw. Ukita and Yamaguchi earned a semis berth after downing South Korea's Yisoon Han and Eunseo Yun, 6-3, 6-2.

At the lower half of the draw, it will be No. 2 Mio Kozaki of Japan and Hong Kong's Chui Kei Leung versus No. 4 Nanari Katsumi and Mua Shigeta of Japan for the other finals ticket. The Japanese duo moved a step away from advancing to the

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Hong Kong's Wing Ka Lin, seen here returning a shot to Australia's Sasha Nelson in their singles match last Tuesday, teamed up with the CNMI's Carol Lee in the doubles and they advanced to the semifinals of the 2018 Northern Marianas Junior Championships yesterday at the PIC Saipan hard courts.

Paire wins playoff preview against Kanoa

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Paire Football Club will go to this weekend's playoff game versus Kanoa FC with momentum on its side following a 5-1 victory in their final outing in the regular season of the 2018 Spring M-League last Sunday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Four different players scored for Paire with Yogesh Singh drawing first blood after scoring in the eighth minute. Daniel Agulto, Patrick McCallion, and Trey Dunn also delivered for Paire in the 31st, 49th, and 72nd minute, respectively, while the team got an own goal in the 57th.

Kanoa avoided a shutout loss, thanks to Andruw Omelau's shot in the 86th minute.

With the victory, Paire finished third in Division A after earning a 4-1-4 win-loss draw record, while Kanoa is at the bottom with its 0-2-6 slate, tying Winners & Pacific at No. 7. Paire and Kanoa will collide anew this Saturday at the Hopwood pitch, starting at 3:30pm to battle for one of the two remaining semis berths in the division.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Paire Football Club's Daniel Agulto, right, tries to control the ball during an earlier game against TanHoldings FC in the Division A of the 2018 Spring M-League at the Hopwood Middle School Field.